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## FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fifty-Third Annual Meeting of the American Missionary Association convened in the First Congregational Church, Binghamton, N. Y., October 17, 1899, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and in the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents was called to order by Rev. Elijah Horr, of Massachusetts, a member of the Executive Committee.

The Scripture lesson (Isaiah xxxv) was read by the Rev. Edward Taylor, and after the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung, prayer was offered by the Rev. Alexander D. Stowell.

Addresses of welcome to the city and to the state were made by His Honor the Mayor of the City of Binghamton, Jerome DeWitt, and by Hon. Israel T. Deyo.

During the latter's address Vice-President Rev. Henry A. Stimson, of New York, took the chair, and at its close made an appropriate response.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Massachusetts, was elected Assistant Recording Secretary.

On motion of Secretary Hazen, it was voted that the programme as printed be adopted, except as otherwise ordered.

### *The Treasurer's Report.*

The treasurer's report was presented by Mr. H. W. Hubbard, Treasurer, of New York, which, with the certificate of the auditors, was received and placed on file.

### *General Survey.*

The report of the Executive Committee, General Survey, was read by the Rev. Lewellyn Pratt, of Connecticut.

### *Nominating Committee.*

The nominating committee appointed last year, Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Massachusetts, chairman, on account of the absence of a majority of its members, was reconstituted as follows:

*Nominating Committee.*—Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Massachusetts; Rev. George E. Hall, of New Hampshire; Rev. John R. Nichols, of Ohio; Mr. Charles N. Thorp, of New York; and Prof. Alfred T. Perry, of Connecticut.

*Deacons.*

Deacons were appointed to serve at the administration of the Lord's Supper at the evening service: Deacons Joseph P. Noyes, A. B. Carman, Harry Flint, James Allen, H. W. Hubbard and Charles A. Hull, all of New York.

*The Concert of Prayer.*

It was moved by the Rev. A. F. Beard, of New York, and carried, that on account of the lateness of the hour all further business be suspended.

The devotional service, the concert of prayer, was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Beard, and participated in by the Rev. Edward N. Packard, of New York; Rev. George W. Moore, of Tennessee; Rev. Joseph E. Roy, of Illinois; Rev. Jee Gam, of California; Rev. George V. Clark, of South Carolina; Prof. J. L. Wiley, of Florida; Rev. Stephen M. Newman, of Washington, D. C.; Rev. Sherrod Soule, of Connecticut; and Rev. William Hayes Ward, of New Jersey.

The hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" was sung.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Joseph E. Roy, of Illinois, and the Association adjourned to 7:30 o'clock.

## TUESDAY EVENING.

At half-past seven o'clock the Association assembled, while the organist was rendering Handel's "Largo."

Vice-President Stimson presided, and called upon the Rev. George E. Hall, of New Hampshire, to conduct the devotional exercises. The hymn "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim" was sung, and Dr. Hall read a portion of the third chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Colossians.

The quartet of the First Church of Binghamton rendered the anthem "Behold the Lamb of God."

*The Sermon.*

The Association sermon was preached by the Rev. Cornelius H. Patton, of Missouri, from the text, Col. 3:11.

The hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' Name" was sung.

*The Communion Service.*

The communion service was conducted by Rev. Charles M. Bartholomew, of New York, and Rev. Thomas Clayton, of New York.

After the benediction by Mr. Clayton, adjournment was had till 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING,

A praise and prayer service was conducted at 8:30 o'clock by Rev. Edward N. Packard, of New York.



The session of the Association was called to order at 9 o'clock, Vice-President Stimson in the chair.

The hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. Ward P. Sutherland, of New York.

Secretary Hazen read the portion of the Constitution defining membership in the Association, and credentials were gathered, Rev. George W. Moore and Prof. Alfred T. Perry acting as tellers.

#### *Committees.*

The nominating committee, Rev. Charles M. Southgate, chairman, made the following report, which was adopted:

*Business Committee.*—Rev. N. W. Waters, of New York; Rev. Sherrod Soule, of Connecticut; Mr. Henry M. Beecher, of New York; Rev. Willard Scott, of Massachusetts; and Rev. George A. Brock, of New York.

*Committee on Work in Mountain Missions.*—Rev. Archibald Hadden, of Michigan; Rev. Joel F. Whitney, of New York; Rev. Edward N. Packard, of New York; Mrs. Alice G. West, of Massachusetts; Mr. Irving B. Prentiss, of New York.

*Committee on Indian Work.*—Rev. John R. Nichols, of Ohio; Mrs. William Kincaid, of New York; Rev. Fred L. Luce, of New York; Mr. W. H. Catlin, of Connecticut; Rev. Charles M. Bartholomew, of New York.

The minutes of Tuesday were read and approved.

#### *Amendment to Constitution, Article IX.*

Secretary Hazen gave notice of a proposed amendment to Article IX of the Constitution, to be acted upon at the annual meeting in 1900, and it was approved by the vote of a majority. The proposition was to strike out the words "the amendment having been approved by the vote of a majority at the previous annual meeting," and to insert the clause, "notice of the amendment having been given at a preceding annual meeting," so that Article IX will read as follows:

ARTICLE IX. No amendment shall be made to this Constitution except by the vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an annual meeting, notice of the amendment having been given at a preceding annual meeting.

#### *Report of Finance Committee.*

The report of the Finance Committee was presented, accepted and placed on file.

#### *Action of Last Meeting Reversed.*

On motion of Rev. Albert E. Dunning, of Massachusetts, it was voted to repeal the action of the annual meeting of 1898, whereby it was ordered that the nominating committee for future annual meet-

ings be instructed to report by printed ballot as early as practicable in the meeting, and that at least two names be reported for each vacancy in the Executive Committee.

*Amendment to Article V.*

Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Massachusetts, moved to take up the amendment to Article V, second paragraph, as proposed at the 1898 annual meeting, and it was so voted; whereupon, after some discussion, he moved that the proposed amendment to Article V be laid upon the table, to be called up at the annual meeting to be held in 1900, and be considered as a notice to amend the Constitution, should such notice be then required by the amendment to Article IX, voted upon this day. It was so ordered.

*Memorial to Dr. Strieby and Mr. Mead.*

Mr. Charles A. Hull, of New York, moved, and it was voted, that a committee of three be appointed to prepare an appropriate minute with reference to the death of Rev. M. E. Strieby and Mr. Charles L. Mead, of New York.

Mr. Charles A. Hull, Rev. Charles M. Southgate and Rev. Sydney Strong were appointed the committee.

*Greetings from the Chicago Congregational Club.*

Rev. Sydney Strong, of Illinois, presented the following greetings to the American Missionary Association from the Chicago Congregational Club:

*"American Missionary Association:*

"The Congregational Club of Chicago sends greetings to the American Missionary Association about to assemble in annual meeting at Binghamton, New York, with hearty congratulations on its splendid financial showing, and with earnest prayers that wisdom and courage may be given its members to meet the grave responsibilities now thrown upon the Association by the fresh perils which confront the Negro in the South, and clear discernment of its duties to the people of our new possessions in the islands of the sea.

J. F. LOBA,  
*President of the Club."*

*Mountain Missions.*

Rev. Archibald Hadden, of Michigan, presented a report on the work of the Mountain Missions, which he followed by an address.

Rev. M. N. Sumner made a missionary address.

The Jubilee Singers rendered two selections: "Rise, Shine for Thy Light is Coming," and "I Know I Have Another Building."

*Indian Missions.*

Rev. John R. Nichols, of Ohio, presented a report on Indian Missions, which he followed by an address.

Miss Mary C. Collins, of North Dakota; Rev. Albert E. Dunning, of Massachusetts; Rev. Elijah Horr, of Massachusetts; Rev. Edward N. Packard, of New York; Mr. Cullen B. Foote, of Connecticut, and



Vice-President Stimson, of New York, participated in a discussion of the Indian question.

*Telegrams.*

The following telegram was read to the Association:

*"American Missionary Association:*

*"Accept greetings in Titus iii: 15.*

*"HEMLOCK, N. Y., Oct. 18th, 1899.*

*S. B. SHERRILL,*

*Moderator Ontario District of Western New York."*

The following reply was sent:

*"Ontario District Association:*

*"The American Missionary Association responds cordially and gratefully to the greetings of the Ontario Association.*

*HENRY A. HAZEN,*

*Recording Secretary."*

*Committees Appointed.*

The committee on nominations made the following nominations, and they were confirmed,

*Committee on Southern Education.*—Rev. Gerald H. Beard, of Connecticut; Rev. Samuel Johnson, of New York; Rev. Edwin J. Klock, of New York; Mrs. Henry A. Hazen, of Massachusetts; Mr. Daniel M. Jones, of Pennsylvania.

*Committee on Southern Church Work.*—Rev. Sydney Strong, of Illinois; Rev. John Edwards, of Ohio; Mr. John W. Thorp, of New York; Rev. Ward T. Sutherland, of New York; Mrs. George Sinnamon, of New York.

*Committee on Chinese Work.*—Rev. William. E. Griffis, New York; Rev. Ethan Curtis, of New York; Rev. Thomas Clayton, of New York; Miss Lizette Winslow, of Massachusetts, and Rev. William A. Trow, of New York.

*Finance Committee, to report next year.*—Rowland G. Hazard, of Rhode Island; A. Lyman Williston, of Massachusetts; Joseph P. Noyes, of New York; George Wilcox, of New York; Thomas Duncan, of New York.

*To lead prayer meeting Thursday morning.*—Rev. Lewin F. Buell, of New York.

The Finance Committee appointed at the last annual meeting made its report. In the absence of Irving C. Gaylord, chairman, the report was read by Rev. Mr. Soule, of Connecticut.

The Jubilee Singers sang "A Little Talk with Jesus."

After prayer and the benediction by Rev. Edwin J. Klock, of New York, the Association adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Promptly at 2 o'clock, Vice-President Stimson called the meeting to order.

The hymn, "The Church's One Foundation" was sung.

*Memorial Address.*

Secretary Joseph E. Roy, of Illinois, delivered an address in memory of Rev. M. E. Strieby.

*Memorial Minute.*

Mr. Charles A. Hull, of New York, offered the following minute in behalf of the special committee appointed at the morning session to prepare a minute in memory of Rev. M. E. Strieby and Mr. Charles L. Mead:

"During the year just past, the Association has lost from its companionship and counsels two men who have been active and influential for many years in its administration.

"The first of these to pass to the higher life was the older of the two, and was also longer in the service of the Association.

"The Reverend Michael E. Strieby, D.D., came into its work in the year 1864, before the close of the War of the Rebellion, and shortly after the proclamation of President Lincoln had given to the Southern Negroes the privileges and responsibilities of freedom. The total annual receipts of the Association were then only a little more than \$10,000. During the thirty-five years of his connection with it he saw its enlargement to its present eminent position, and to his wise management, his far-sighted wisdom and his regal and religious spirit, the marvelous improvement in the condition and outlook of the African race in the United States is in no small measure due.

"For more than a quarter of a century the work of the Association in its spirit and its widened scope was essentially *his* work (not that he was an autocrat, or that he was unwilling to listen to counsel), for he had the faculty of adopting and adapting the suggestions of others, as well as of initiating new policies, and of infusing his own consecrated spirit into others. His was a judicial mind combined with a rare and kindly enthusiasm, which made him pre-eminently a leader in his chosen life-work. His lasting monument is the elevation by Christian teaching of the oppressed and down-trodden to whom he came in Christ's name, and to whom his life was devoted. In the fullness of years he has passed on to his reward, and to him surely belong those gracious words, 'Inasmuch as thou hast done it unto the least of these, my brethren, thou hast done it unto Me.'

"The second man whose memory we honor to-day, Mr. Charles L. Mead, was at the time of his death one of our honored vice-presidents, and for seven years prior to 1898 had been chairman of our Executive Committee. He was first chosen a member of that Committee in 1875, and served upon it continuously until a year ago. Mr. Mead was probably more familiar with the actual work of the Association than any other member of the Committee. He had visited our principal schools and churches and knew the teachers and pastors. He was a prudent counselor, a true friend, a manly Christian, whose friendship was an acquisition, and whose companionship was delightful. He gave without stint of his time and means to the work and administration of the great trust which we hold; and in his death we lose an associate and friend whose memory we will always cherish, and whose counsel will be greatly missed in our Executive Committee and at our annual meetings."

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Edward Taylor, of New York.



The Jubilee Singers rendered, "We shall walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death."

The report of the Executive Committee on the work undertaken by the Association in Porto Rico was presented by the Rev. William Hayes Ward, of New Jersey.

Rev. John Edwards, of Ohio, who is under commission as evangelistic preacher in Porto Rico, made a brief address.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Albert J. Lyman, of New York, in behalf of the teachers and missionaries of the Association who are to go to Porto Rico.

The Jubilee Singers sang, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

Rev. Gerald H. Beard, of Connecticut, presented a report on the Southern Educational Work, which he followed with an address.

Rev. Laforest H. Planving, of Louisiana, delivered a missionary address.

Prayer was offered and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Ethan Curtis, of New York.

Adjournment was effected at 4.50 P. M.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Vice-President Stimson called the Association to order at 7.30 o'clock, by announcing the hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Prayer was offered by Rev. Lewin F. Buell, of New York, and an anthem was sung by the First Church quartet.

Rev. Jee Gam, of California, made an address on the Chinese work in California.

A collection of \$100.65 was taken for this Chinese work.

The Jubilee Singers stirred the congregation with "I Want to Be Ready," "Steal Away to Jesus," and "There's a Great Camp Meeting in the Promised Land."

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Stephen M. Newman, of Washington, D. C.

Miss Mary C. Collins, of North Dakota, made an address upon the missionary work among the Indians.

Rev. M. N. Sumner, of Tennessee, spoke upon the missionary work among the Mountain Whites of the South.

Prof. Joseph L. Wiley, of Florida, addressed the Association upon the missionary work among the Negroes.

Rev. Willard Scott, of Massachusetts, made the closing address of the evening.

The hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was sung, and Rev.

William E. Griffis, of New York, pronounced the benediction.

The Association adjourned at 9.55 o'clock.

*Young People's Rally.*

At the same hour a Young People's Rally was held at the Plymouth Church, over which the Rev. Edward Sampson Tead, of Massachusetts, presided. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Massachusetts; Rev. George H. Gutterson, of Massachusetts; Rev. George V. Clark, of South Carolina; Rev. Jee Gam, of California; and Miss Mary C. Collins, of North Dakota. Singing was led by the young people's choir, and the Jubilee Singers rendered several selections. The collection taken for the American Missionary Association amounted to \$12.00.

THURSDAY MORNING.

A prayer service was conducted by the Rev. Lewin F. Buell, of New York, and at nine o'clock, Vice-President Stimson in the chair, the Association convened.

The hymn "I need Thee every hour" was sung, and Rev. George H. Gutterson offered prayer.

The minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

Vice-President Stimson appointed the nominating committee for next year and the appointment was confirmed.

*Nominating Committee for next year.*—Rev. Willard Scott, of Massachusetts; Rev. Stephen M. Newman, of Washington, D. C.; Rev. John R. Nichols, of Ohio; Rev. James W. Bixler, of Connecticut; Rev. Sydney Strong, of Illinois.

Rev. William E. Griffis, of New York, made a report on Chinese Missions, and followed it with an address.

Rev. Jee Gam, of California, made a missionary address on the success and needs of Chinese work in California.

An offering of \$77.00 was made toward the debt on the Chinese Mission in San Francisco.

Rev. Sydney Strong, of Illinois, made a report on Southern Church Work, and followed it with an address.

Missionary addresses were made by Rev. George V. Clark, of South Carolina; Rev. George W. Moore, of Tennessee; Rev. Joseph E. Roy, of Illinois.

*Voted*, that the business meeting be held at 2 o'clock, and followed by the regular programme.

Rev. George E. Hall, of New Hampshire made the closing address. The Jubilee Singers sang "I want to be like Jesus."

Rev. Jee Gam pronounced the benediction.



## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

*Annual Business Meeting.*

The afternoon session began at two o'clock with the hymn "The morning light is breaking," Vice-President Stimson in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Massachusetts.

*Telegram.*

The following telegram was read by Secretary Hazen:

"CHICAGO, Ill., October 18, 1899.

"*To the American Missionary Association:*

"Greetings and congratulations. I regret deeply my inability to be present. May light from God be given the Association to see clearly what the hour demands, and the moral courage to take an attitude as true to the colored people of the South under their new perils and persecutions, as was the attitude of the brave souls who bore their testimony and did their work back in the early days of our own cherished and now sainted Whipple and Strieby, and of Garrison and Whittier, and Beecher and Sumner, and the immortal Lincoln. *Numbers 6: 24-27.*

"F. A. NOBLE."

*Election of Officers.*

The report of the nominating committee was presented and accepted, and the following officers were elected by ballot for the ensuing year:

*President.*

REV. FREDERICK A. NOBLE, of Illinois.

*Vice-Presidents.*

REV. ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, of Massachusetts.

REV. HENRY A. STIMSON, of New York.

REV. WASHINGTON GLADDEN, of Ohio.

REV. GEORGE C. ADAMS, of California.

WILLIAM H. STRONG, ESQ., of Michigan.

*Corresponding Secretaries.*

REV. A. F. BEARD, of New York.

REV. F. P. WOODBURY, of New York.

REV. C. J. RYDER, of New York.

*Recording Secretary.*

REV. HENRY A. HAZEN, of Massachusetts.

*Treasurer.*

H. W. HUBBARD, ESQ., of New York.

*Auditors.*

EDWIN H. BAKER, ESQ., of Connecticut.

JOHN E. LEECH, ESQ., of New York.

*Executive Committee for Three Years.*

CHARLES A. HULL, ESQ., of New York.

REV. ALBERT J. LYMAN, of New York.

REV. NEHEMIAH BOYNTON, of Michigan.

REV. EDWARD S. TEAD, of Massachusetts.

PRIN. TRUMAN J. BACKUS, of New York.

*Place of Next Meeting.*

The business committee reported in favor of referring the assignment of the place for the next meeting to the Executive Committee. Adopted.

*Federation of Societies.*

Upon motion of Prof. Alfred T. Perry, of Connecticut, it was—

*Voted*, that a committee of five be appointed to consider the relations of this Association with the other benevolent societies of our denomination, and such administrative adjustments as may help toward their federation and toward the efficiency of the work of this Association; said committee to report at the annual meeting to be held in 1900.

Secretary Hazen moved, and it was voted, that at the close of the Woman's Meeting, a recess be taken till 7:30.

The hymn "The Church's one Foundation" was sung, led by the Jubilee Singers.

*Report of Woman's Work.*

Miss D. E. Emerson, of New York, Secretary of the Woman's Bureau, presented the report on Woman's Work.

Mrs. M. H. Dwight, of California, delivered an address on Chinese Missions; and she was followed by Mrs. William Kincaid, of New York, and Mrs. Alice G. West, of Massachusetts.

The Jubilee Singers sang "O my good Lord, show me the way."

Miss Ella M. Andrews, of Kentucky, delivered an address on Mountain Missions.

Miss Mary C. Collins, of North Dakota, Miss C. J. Knowlton, of Georgia, and Mrs. C. F. Roper, of New Hampshire, made addresses.

A selection was rendered by the male quartet of the Jubilee Singers.

The benediction was pronounced by Secretary A. F. Beard, of New York.

Adjournment was effected until 7:30 o'clock.

## THURSDAY EVENING.

The closing session of the Association assembled at 7:30 o'clock, and the hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' Name" was sung, and the Rev. George W. Moore, of Tennessee, offered prayer.

Solo by Mrs. J. W. Work, of Tennessee.



*Committee on Federation.*

The nominating committee reported the names of the committee on the federation of the benevolent societies, and they were elected.

*Committee on Federation.*—Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Massachusetts; Prof. Alfred T. Perry, of Connecticut; Rev. Stephen M. Newman, of Washington, D. C.; Rev. John R. Nichols, of Ohio; and E. D. Redington, Esq., of Illinois.

The records up to this evening were read and approved, and the Secretary was authorized by vote to complete the record.

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of New York, and the Rev. Stephen M. Newman, of Washington, D. C.

The closing address was delivered by Vice-President Stimson, of New York.

*Resolution of Thanks.*

The following minute was adopted by a rising vote, and responded to by Rev. N. M. Waters, Pastor of the First Church of Binghamton:

At Binghamton, in its Fifty-Third Annual Meeting, the American Missionary Association has proved once more the warmth of Christian fellowship and the graces of Christian hospitality. As these meetings close, we would express to the two churches, their pastors, the many active helpers, older and younger, those who have led in the service of song, and to those who have welcomed us to their homes, our hearty gratitude. The name of this city will be associated in our minds with the Christian patriotism of this work and the Christian friendliness its workers meet.

We have been met with a thoughtful and abounding courtesy on the part of the public press, the railroads and their representatives, and all who could find a way to make our coming and our tarrying a delight. May the lasting blessing be left with them such as we take away with us.

*Closing Exercises.*

The Jubilee Singers\* sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

The sessions closed with the Doxology, and the benediction was pronounced by Vice-President Stimson, after which the Association closed without day.

HENRY A. HAZEN,  
EUGENE C. WEBSTER.

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\* The Jubilee Singers who have rendered so many soul-stirring selections during the sessions of the Association are as follows: Sopranos, Miss Ida M. Napier and Miss Mabel L. Grant, of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Sennetta V. Hayes, of Macon, Ga.; altos, Miss Edith M. Bowman, of Wilmington, N. C., and Mrs. J. W. Work, of Nashville, Tenn.; tenors, Samuel C. Carruthers and J. W. Work, of Nashville, Tenn.; basses, Albert E. Greenlaw, of Woodstock, Ontario, and George E. Martin, of Charleston, S. C.

# FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1899.

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### GENERAL SURVEY.

The Executive Committee submits its Fifty-third Annual Report. Its varied and various lines of work are interwoven with the theories and reasons for our methods.

Beginning with the Southern educational work, the experiences of the year have been characteristic and happily uneventful, continuing with their added confirmations in the practical tests of schools and school work. The story of one year within the schools is substantially the story of all. At the same time our workers have been keenly awake to whatever may be secured by hospitality to new suggestions and improved methods.

Our theory and purpose remain the same. From its beginning the Association has held to a purpose of education identical with that of Christianity. President Tucker, in the recent International Congregational Council, said with decided acceptance, "Religion cannot hold its own in any other form than that of education." When, therefore, we put emphasis on our educational agencies, it is because this is our Congregational theory, and also because by the very nature and conditions of our work we are obliged to do this.

The good seed of the Kingdom of God cannot bear much fruit in shallow ground. Where there is sterility and impotence of mind—no deepness of earth—if the seed springs up at all, it soon withers away. It only yields "much fruit" when intellectual energy and Christian faith take root in disciplined minds and multiplies itself in diffusion. This is not to say that we must wait until people are educated before we carry the gospel to the ignorant and the illiterate. It is only to say that there is little hope of permanent growth and strength in conditions of ignorance. With this theory and practice of personal and social regeneration the work of the year has gone on as aforetime.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Our purely elementary schools (twenty-six in number) are chiefly in those places uncared-for by public schools. We do not undertake



to do the work of public schools, nor in any way to compete with them. On the other hand, the graduates of our graded and normal schools are year by year teaching in hundreds of elementary schools, both in cities and in the rural regions where the demands are unspeakably great. Whatever charter we have to continue our common schools is in the call to do that which must be done by us or must go undone. For the most part these schools sustained by the Association are associated with our rural churches. These are in the states of North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.

#### NORMAL AND GRADED SCHOOLS.

These, located in different centers, are in ten Southern states, as follows: Virginia, 1; North Carolina, 8; South Carolina, 2; Georgia, 10; Florida, 2; Alabama, 8; Tennessee, 6; Kentucky, 3; Mississippi, 4; Arkansas, 1. Total, 45.

The year under review has added one more justification of the policy of having these permanent centers of larger educational privilege in which youth can be prepared with thoroughness through all the grades from the primary onward, not only for the struggle of life for themselves, but also as preparatory schools for teaching others. Each passing year testifies to the missionary wisdom which is thus teaching the race, under God, to save itself. The kind of education which has proved to be wise and good for white people is proving itself to be equally good for black people. While colored boys and girls as yet, and as a rule, are somewhat slower in their apprehension than white people are, every year shows that they can do the same work in the same ways, are susceptible of the same influences, and are enlarged in thought and mind by the same studies and the same methods.

The inquiry sometimes comes to us, why the Association should continue these in cities of the South where the graded public schools for colored youth are established. The reason is that in no city where we are working can the public school begin to meet the urgent necessities of the people. There is a constant movement from the rural places to cities. In cities where we are located there are great numbers roaming the streets and growing up in ignorance.

Several of our schools in the past year have been gladdened with a permanent religious interest which has resulted in many hopeful conversions. One school numbered seventy-nine, who have begun a hopeful Christian life, and the church annexed to it has doubled its membership.

#### MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.

These Mountain Schools are in the same system with similar

courses of study as those among the colored people. They are ten in number, with fifty-five teachers and 1,587 enrolled pupils. Two of these—one of them nearly 5,000 feet above the sea—need enlargement in order that young men in these remote regions may have equal privileges in school life that are afforded the young women. Only co-education in the mountains will insure better homes in the future. We have this year the new school edifice for Grand View Academy from the proceeds of insurance. It is refurnished and is filled with eager students.

Our Academy building in Joppa, Ala.—a school among the white people of the mountains—was destroyed this summer during vacation by fire. Six persons now under the indictment by a Grand Jury have been arrested and are awaiting trial for incendiarism. The building was insured and will be rebuilt.

Through the continued benevolence of Mrs. Joseph K. Brick, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has planted and is responsible for the fine institution at Enfield, N. C., the girls' dormitory—Benedict Hall—has been doubled in capacity during the year.

#### HIGHER INSTITUTIONS.

Our higher institutions, five in number, are as follows: Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.; Tougaloo University, Tougaloo, Miss.; Straight University, New Orleans, La.; Tillotson College, Austin, Tex. .

#### SUMMARY OF EDUCATIONAL WORK IN THE SOUTH.

|                             |    |         |                   |        |
|-----------------------------|----|---------|-------------------|--------|
| Chartered Institutions..... | 5  | TOTALS. | (Schools.....     | 76     |
| Normal and Graded Schools.. | 45 |         | (Instructors..... | 414    |
| Common Schools.....         | 26 |         | (Pupils.....      | 12,428 |

#### PUPILS CLASSIFIED.

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Theological.....         | 125         |
| Collegiate.....          | 85          |
| College Preparatory..... | 307         |
| Normal.....              | 1,465       |
| Grammar.....             | 2,474       |
| Intermediate.....        | 2,943       |
| Primary.....             | 4,790       |
| Music only.....          | 222         |
| Night.....               | 53 = 12,464 |
| Counted twice.....       | 36          |
| Total.....               | 12,428      |

The nomenclature of these institutions has led many to think that most of the students in them are pursuing collegiate studies. The fact is, that while these institutions bear a college name and have a



college intention, each one has all the grades of elementary, grammar and normal instruction. The collegiate departments receive only the patient and courageous few, and these only by the survival of the fittest. It should allay the fears of those who anticipate an over-production of disciplined minds among the colored people to remember that the people but two-score years emancipated from a condition in which to learn to read was forbidden by law, now number, by late estimates, ten millions. If this estimate is correct, they are nearly twice as many people as are in the entire group of New England states; twice as many as are in the Dominion of Canada; as many as are in the combined populations of Scotland and Ireland; ten times the population of Cuba, and ten times that of Porto Rico; one-half of these millions yet untouched by education, and all alike handicapped with many unjust and unchristian hindrances, while not more than one in ten thousand of them has yet received a college education. In the five higher institutions of the Association but eighty-five students are in the college courses. "What are these among so many?" There is pressing reason for continued emphasis upon the duty of a Christian people to whom education has been a birthright not to be overborne by the plea for superficiality, nor turned aside from the call to furnish thoroughly educated leaders, preachers and teachers for an increasing race which must learn without delay to work out its own salvation.

We may again quote the approbation of the International Congregational Council, viz.: "The best training and education which the best institutions can give him, and the most consecrated spirit, make a man none too good for the least, and humblest work in the ministry of the Church, and the humblest and weakest churches require not weak men, but strong men to help them out of their weakness." This is true without respect to race or color. We leave it to those who think otherwise and who plead for a minimum requirement of mental discipline and intellectual development to make the contention that there is danger lest the colored people may not be left sufficiently in darkness.

We call attention anew to the importance of these institutions. They are essential to the permanent elevation of the colored people, and year by year are making great returns for Christianity and civilization. They deserve Christian appreciation and help.

Tougaloo University is rejoicing in its new and spacious brick dormitory hall, with accommodations for one hundred girls—replaced by insurance—and a separate building for dining-room and for needed kitchen uses has also been erected this year

## INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

One of the factors in the preparation for the struggle of life among the Negro people, is industrial training. Much attention is given to this in our schools. If we do not claim that it is the way and only way of salvation this does not mean that we fail to recognize its place and importance. At Talladega, Ala., a farm of three hundred acres, with instruction in agriculture, scientific and practical, with the rearing and care of cattle, with a model barn, not surpassed in the county, a shop for wood-working, a printing-office, a modern and model laundry, with domestic economy and nursing and care of the sick for the girls, make the institution a hive of industry. Teachers' and farmers' institutes are regularly held in Talladega and adjoining counties. At Enfield, N. C., a farm of more than one thousand acres, a large part in excellent cultivation, with varied crops, with cattle-raising and horticulture, with new and modern buildings and appliances for wood-working and iron-working, with ample provisions for teaching the domestic sciences in varied forms, repeat the same story. At Tougaloo University, in Mississippi, a farm of six hundred acres raises crops of corn, oats, hay, potatoes, sugar cane, berries and fruits, both for home consumption and for market. Practical training is given in the raising and care of cattle, and farm cultivation is given to the students. Excellent mechanical shops for architectural drawing, wood-working, for iron and steel working, with courses based chiefly upon those of the Massachusetts School of Technology, testify to our regard for this auxiliary of education. Straight University, in New Orleans, gives its students also a thorough knowledge of wood-working and printing, and the young women instruction in the domestic sciences. Likewise in Tillotson College, Austin, Tex., wood-working, architectural drawing and iron-working are taught.

Mechanics and printing, together with the domestic sciences, are taught at Fisk University. Tougaloo and Straight Universities have received generous appropriations from the Slater Fund during the year.

## THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

In Talladega College, Straight, Fisk and Tougaloo Universities, there are special departments for theological study, where students are to a greater or less degree prepared for the ministry of the gospel. Especially in Talladega and Straight the theological departments are well attended. The enrollment at Talladega last year was 25, and in Straight 23, most of whom look forward to church pastorates. In most of our schools there are missionary societies, and those of Christian Endeavor in vigorous and useful service. Seven mission Sunday-



schools, *e. g.*, in the vicinity of Talladega, enrolling 300 pupils, are maintained during the school year.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT.

In closing this general survey of the educational work in the South it may be right to meet the inquiry which has been started of late as to the conditions in which we are working and as to our encouragement or discouragement, in view of the alleged increasing criminality among the colored people, and the complications of the problem of salvation through the oppositions which multiply against them, both under the forms of law and of the lawless outside of these forms. The question is frequently asked of us, "Are our schools and institutions yielding what we expected?"

Our reply is that for one-half of these millions the development and progress have been wonderful, whether from an educational, moral or material point of view. This has the consent of nearly all candid and intelligent people in the South.

Those who are looking chiefly at the degradation of half the race, not yet raised from their low estate, and at the criminality which attends upon ignorance—always among all people, for crime is not a racial phenomenon but exists largely where empty minds have neither within themselves nor in their environments protection against evil—will do well to remember that this degradation is not because the race is losing ground once possessed. The condition is simply made more apparent because the race is gaining. In slavery, when all were down in the bogs together, the race had no element to make its degradation so manifest, but now, when the standards of the race by education, and its character and possibilities stand forth, the contrast is striking, and the condition of the residuum is quoted to the effect that the race is deteriorating. President Schurman of the Philippine Commission says: "We should judge of a race by its best products." There are those who judge the Negro race and its future by 5 per cent. of degenerates out of 95 per cent. of the ignorant half. That 56 per cent. of an entire race have been upraised to their present intellectual and moral condition, to their already attained degree of material thrift and pure home life, to their general regard for law and order, which regard will not suffer in comparison with that of white people North or South, must be our reply to both the question of encouragement and to the question of theory and method. Certainly when we see these as yet unreached millions in a weakness and wretchedness not easily overstated, we might well be discouraged were it not that "the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation," and that we have the actual and abundant evidence of this in the work of the As-

sociation for the past two-score years. The Negro race is being saved, and there is no more call for discouragement in the work than there is for our being discouraged at the condition of the world now, nineteen centuries after our Lord's resurrection.

In "that far off divine event  
To which the whole creation moves"

the Negro race will not be excluded.

### PORTO RICO.

In January last a committee, by appointment, consisting of Rev. Dr. Ward and Secretary Beard, visited the island of Porto Rico to inquire into its religious condition and needs. This was done in response to many requests of our constituents. Six of the seven provinces of Porto Rico were visited. The committee returned and reported a population of a million people—a Catholic country without religion—in which above 800,000 are under no church influence, absolutely illiterate and miserably poor. They reported that while a certain kind of purely evangelical mission work might bring some of these people to some degree under the power of the gospel, the ignorance was so appalling that there could be no warrant for permanent church growth or intelligent church future without the enlightenment which must come from Christian schools. A people with a long heritage of superstition and in dense ignorance must be taken out of this through the children, before habits of thought are formed and while they can, day by day, come under continuous influence.

It was also reported that the church work undertaken ought to be such as would not bring to the mind of these people the denominational divisions which owe their origin to conditions which could have no significance to them, and that it would be better for the Christianizing of Porto Rico if there should not be there the spectacle of a divided Protestantism.

In accordance with this report, Secretary Beard was requested to again visit Porto Rico with the purpose of locating three schools and to make arrangements with the authorities and communities for temporary school buildings, with the necessary appointments for the work and homes for the teachers. This duty was performed in April last, and within a year of the time when Porto Rico had become a member of our national family. One school was located at Santurce, on the mainland, about three miles from the capital—San Juan—and suitable buildings were rented for a school and for the teachers' home.

Another location chosen is in Utuado—a town in the centre of the mountainous coffee region. A building well fitted for school work

was secured and arrangements perfected for a teachers' home. In both of these localities we are assured of the hearty welcome and co-operation of the authorities and the people.

It was advised that the third school proposed be held in abeyance until these two shall be in successful operation. This report was adopted and Mr. Charles B. Scott, an experienced school principal—a professor in the New York State Normal School at Oswego—an earnest Christian man, has accepted the appointment of principal, and with his wife—also an experienced teacher—are now in Porto Rico. They took with them an entire outfit of school furniture, desks, maps, etc., and all the necessary appliances for model schools, and are instructed to have the schools and teachers' homes in readiness for the teachers to follow them. These teachers have been selected with great care for their missionary devotion, their practical experience in teaching and their ability to use to some extent the language of the Island.

They come from the following states: Connecticut, New York, Ohio and Michigan. They will take to their work in Porto Rico, in themselves fine types of educated womanhood, and we think they will not fail to do a noble Christian service not only, but also will do something towards recreating the spirit of friendliness on the part of the people toward our country. We ask for them the remembrance of those in whose name they begin the hopeful and needful missionary work.

The Committee also voted to inaugurate such preliminary evangelizing and church work as may seem wise, and, after extensive correspondence, commissioned the Rev. John Edwards, formerly a missionary among the Spanish-speaking people of Mexico, to go to Porto Rico and enter upon this service. Mr. Edwards will take up his work immediately, leaving for the island at once after this annual meeting. His large experience in Mexico, and his acquaintance with the language make the promise of his efforts specially encouraging.

The utmost care was taken in entering this new mission field. Conferences were held by the representatives of different boards of missions. The plans of all the societies for work in this new territory were mutually considered. As a result, no two Protestant denominations have so planted their missions as to duplicate the work, or to occupy the same general territory. Denominational controversy in the field seems impossible. The missionaries have been instructed by all the societies to meet together as frequently as possible for comparison of plans and conference in behalf of the whole work. Our constituent churches we are sure will thoroughly approve of this method of entering upon the new field.



## SOUTHERN CHURCH WORK.

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|--|--------|
| Number of Churches.....                            | 211    |
| Ministers and Missionaries.....                    | 140    |
| Number of Church Members.....                      | 11,398 |
| Added during the year.....                         | 1,447  |
| Added by profession of faith,.....                 | 1,238  |
| Scholars in Church and Mission Sunday-schools..... | 14,806 |

We report a further advance in our Southern church work for the current year. Fifteen new churches have been added to our roll, of which three are in the Southern mountains and fourteen in the lowlands, and six churches are dropped. The last decade has witnessed many fluctuations in this work. The changes of population from one region to another have in some cases reduced and in other cases increased the number of our churches. But, upon the whole, there has been a steady and gratifying gain in the decade, increasing our enrollment of one hundred and twenty-eight churches to two hundred and eleven. This is a net increase of sixty-five per cent. For the same period the net increase of Congregational churches throughout the United States has been twenty per cent. The largest number of Southern churches received by the Association in any one year was in 1895 when forty-two churches were added, and the smallest number was in 1891, when four churches were added.

More than one-half of our churches are found in the three States of North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, including over five thousand members. The churches of North Carolina are specially well organized. The recent annual meeting of its State Association was a noteworthy occasion. It was held in Charlotte with one of the new churches recently organized, and already the strongest Congregational church in the State. The twenty-one new churches organized during the last five years were fully represented. The discussions were of high order, and there was marked enthusiasm over the progress recently made by the Congregational fellowship.

Our Southern churches now comprise eleven thousand four hundred members, twelve hundred of whom were received on confession of faith during the year. It has been a time of great depression among the colored people throughout the South. Some of our churches are in the immediate vicinity of the scenes of violence and murder which have shocked the nation at large, and in some cases the people have given up their homes and fled to other sections in the hope that they would find conditions of peace and order. It is a significant fact that the perturbation and discouragement so rife among these poor people have seemed to turn their thoughts more deeply towards the comfort of religious trust and hope. For years

there has not been a time of such frequent continued meetings and prayer for revival as during some months of the past year. Our evangelists have labored incessantly and have wrought a good work. Pastors have written us from many regions of the consolation which religion has brought to those who feared the perils surrounding them.

Seasons of special revival have been experienced in the following, among other churches, and have resulted in the reception of a large number of members on confession of faith: Athens, Florence, Montgomery and Talladega, Ala.; Temple Park Church, Wash.; Thomasville, Ga.; Evarts and Louisville, Ky.; New Iberia and Roseland, La.; Charlotte, Little's Mills and Wilmington, N. C.; Charleston, S. C.; and Howard Church, Nashville, Pine Mountain and Robbins, Tenn.

The inception and growth of our new church work, both in town and in country, are due very largely to the great educational service which the Association has been carrying on in the centres of population and influence for so many years. Students who have attended our schools and become imbued with their principles, after settling down in life and taking up the responsibilities of family and home, desire for themselves and their families better forms of church life than are rife about them. Whenever a few of these families are grouped together a desire is awakened for a church fellowship which shall discountenance all forms of immorality and stand for intelligence and purity. With comparatively little aid from the Association, they are ready to undertake the organization of a church and school, or the introduction of teachers who have been trained either in our own or kindred institutions into the schools of the neighborhood. The creation of these social centers is of inestimable importance. The new church life gives form to all social relations, and sheds a beneficent influence throughout the community and region round about.

Some of our city churches are actively engaged in city mission work among the poorer classes of the colored people, and their service has been attended by marked success during the year. We have received testimonials to the value of this service from city officials and other leading men. There is also activity along the lines of institutional church work, and many of our churches carry on mission Sunday-schools and hold mission services in a number of localities in the vicinity of their own church home.

While some of our new churches are already large, the majority of them are small in membership and composed of very poor people. Still these churches have organized themselves, without suggestion

from the Association, in protest against corrupt forms of church life, and they provide in a very large measure for their own expenses. Some of them are classified as missions rather than churches. In many instances the laboring population is changeable, and the number in attendance at the churches fluctuates widely from year to year.

Our church work in the South is not a service of denominational propagandism. We care little for a sectarian name. There are aided churches which do not wear our denominational name; they are union churches. But while we care but little for the name they wear, we care everything for the thing they are. They stand on a platform of moral character as a condition of church fellowship in the pew and in the pulpit. They stand for the freedom of the local church from any outside jurisdiction, and for the fraternal fellowship of these free churches, without regard to caste or color or any other un-Christian distinction.

Our mountain churches now number sixteen hundred members. We have been able this year to initiate more effective service by a slight increase in the number of our ministers. Three new churches have been organized, and a number of outside missions are carried on. Our ministers are sorely taxed to provide even inadequately for the demands made upon their time and strength. Some of them have circuits of five or six different churches, many miles apart. Hardly any of these churches are in the towns, and many of them are out on the hillsides and valleys of the country, to which the people gather from many miles distant. In the mining districts, the changes from labor troubles have quite depopulated some communities, while they are building up others; and the gospel work has ceased in one locality only to find new and encouraging openings in others.

No adequate statement can be given of the stream of activities and influences proceeding from these churches both in town and country. Some of them are centres of influence in the leading cities and towns of the South. Many of them are situated in the midst of back country populations where dense ignorance and superstition prevail. They are environed by churches which wear the Christian name, but make little account of the standards of Christian virtue. They represent the aspirations of the new life among the colored people, and bear witness to requirements of virtue and morality, utterly disassociated with the superstition and wild fanaticism characterizing the lower types of church life. The denser the ignorance, the more intense is the sectarianism of these churches, and our churches have to meet not only this obstacle, but the opposition of that witchcraft and necromancy which so darkly clouds the life of millions of the more ignorant Negroes.



Our church work is leagued with our school work in behalf of the growth of an intelligent Christianity. Both are joined in the one aim of its development. Both seek the poor and lowly for the sake of their upliftment. The gospel is for the educated man and the highly cultured community, but it is not the less for the illiterate Negro and Indian. We do not hold that a condition of previous culture and refinement is a necessary prerequisite for the ministration of the gospel and the church. On the contrary, we hold that the lost condition of vice and ignorance and degradation is the very condition to which the church should address itself as a saving power. The work of the church for the poor is in fulfilment of the errand on which Jesus Christ came into the world, and the mission work of the American Missionary Association has evidenced a thousand times the power of the gospel in transforming the lowest conditions of humanity.

### INDIAN MISSIONS.

#### INDIAN STATISTICS (INCLUDING ALASKA).

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Number of Churches.....                               | 19         |
| Membership.....                                       | 1,097      |
| Sunday-school Scholars.....                           | 2,438      |
| Contributions for benevolence and Church support....  | \$3,239.34 |
| Number of Schools.....                                | 6          |
| Number of Pupils.....                                 | 368        |
| Missionary Out-stations.....                          | 33         |
| Missionaries and Teachers (White, 49; Indian, 34).... | 83         |

An extended missionary experience leads to the conclusion that for civilizing and Christianizing the Indian, direct evangelistic work must be largely depended upon. Mission schools should be introduced as far as means can be provided. But the direct work of making a Christian home is really prior to the school itself.

In various fields our evangelistic service is reaching children in the unsectarian government schools. In some cases these schools are largely attended by children of Protestant Christian parents. Always, if we have a church in the vicinity, these children, upon the request of their parents, are permitted to attend the church services. Thus the joint ministration with the children at the school and with the parents in the home is not only educating the young, but forming Christian homes for them to return to from their schools, so there needs be no backward step when they leave the school and come back to a pagan home as would otherwise be the case.

The ideal plan would be the formation of such mission schools in the villages as would open the way for the children to be educated in the immediate neighborhood of their homes, while they could still

draw their share of the home rations, and thus save the onerous expense of their support from mission funds. Then, from these schools, the most promising pupils can be selected for the higher educational training of our boarding schools, the local schools thus being preparatory to our larger central schools. But when these primary local mission schools cannot be furnished, the only remaining course is to carry the evangelistic work directly into the villages and homes. Our missionaries say, give us Christian schools by all means, but if this gift cannot be made, we must claim as an essential right that you give us missionaries to evangelize the homes of the Indian.

The marked feature of the year's work is the religious advance. Native churches are growing stronger and stronger, and whole communities are emerging from the shadow of paganism. A new generation of Christians is coming forward. Long years of devotion and self-denial in these regions are now bearing their fruitage. The younger generation of Indians is coming out of the old superstitions and many of their leading representatives are earnest Christians. All out-station work is offering greater promise, year by year, in the different fields. At a single communion of the Grand River church, our missionary had the joy of receiving fourteen young girls into the church. They had grown up under the influences of the church, and their entering encourages the conclusion that they will make intelligent and earnest Christians.

The annual council of our Indian missions met at Grand River in May, drawing missionaries from various parts of the wide field which extends hundreds of miles north and south. A most interesting feature of the gathering was the recognition of a church at the new Oak Creek chapel, eight miles away from the mother church at Grand River. The evangelistic work on the Grand River district extends about sixty miles, and the people gather two or three times a year at the central chapel for communion. Eight preaching stations are covered by the missionaries and two Indian assistants.

The station reports denote improvements in many directions. The one-room house seems to be going out of fashion. In some cases the young men have built snug and warm houses near their own, for some of the older people. Much more could be done if only the people had the privilege of earning something. One missionary counted at one period fifteen men, within a few weeks, who either came to her and asked for work, or who had come wanting to dispose of what represented their work. Many of these she had to turn away owing to the impossibility of finding any service for them. She says:

"The seed has taken root; one can see it and feel it, sometimes in the lighting up of the face that was so stolid, the cheery word, the

warm handshake, the prayer and heart utterances in the social meetings, the little, kind, thoughtful acts. While we in the work do not want the sympathy which savors of pity or condolence, we do want and need strong, warm, loving sympathy in the work."

The Santee Normal Training School, our central educational institution, has had a year of quiet and successful service. After protracted waiting and very earnest work, the longed-for artesian well has been finished and is reported as a great success. It pours out 1,700 gallons to the minute, and has flowed clear from the first. The workers feel that this newly-opened fountain will be as lasting as it is abundant. It furnishes water for all the general purposes of the mission, as well as for irrigation and the much-needed fire protection.

A valuable feature of instruction reported to us from Santee is that of nature study. It has proved helpful in awakening the dull perceptions of the pupil, and in the end, increasing the activities of his higher mental faculties. One of the most useful features of the industrial work is the cooking school, in charge of the principal's wife. The girls greatly enjoy their training in this direction, and are most anxious during the summer vacation to show at their own homes the skill which they have attained in household work while at Santee.

Early in the year the missions at Fort Berthold received a visit from a government officer of ability and experience, the supervisor of Indian schools. He examined the various schools carried on throughout the region and declared them to be the best attempt of the Indians to help themselves in educational lines that he had seen.

On March 14th the largest building at Fort Berthold, the Calhoun dining hall, was consumed by fire with nearly all its contents. This greatly hindered the school work throughout the remainder of the year; but through the insurance provided by the Association, means have come in for such rebuilding and improvements as will partly restore the efficiency of the school. Half of the pupils, the older ones, were still carried forward in the school work. The old mission house was turned into a temporary dining hall, by gathering up all the utensils which could be found in the mission. A number of the little girls were taken into a log house at Elbowoods, where they were cared for and taught.

On November 26th, while the Rev. T. L. Riggs was away among the out-stations of the Moreau River, the old home at Oahe was suddenly and totally consumed by fire. Although the money loss was partially covered by the insurance which the Association secures on all its buildings, the greater loss of many things made precious by the affections and associations of a lifetime was irremediable. The work was continued regularly in the school, and Mr. Riggs returned



to the incessant activities of the out-station work. For the next six weeks he averaged two hundred miles a week of wagon traveling from station to station. Before New Year's, the Oahe school was filled to its utmost capacity.

#### ALASKAN MISSIONS.

Last year we had to report the remarkable service rendered by our missionary in his use of the reindeer herd, after driving it seven hundred miles, for the rescue of the imprisoned whaling fleet. Conspicuous mention has been made in the government reports of this great service. The present year has been marked by the erection of a small mission building at Mit-le-tok, a settlement some twenty-five miles northeast of the main station. Two native helpers, Sokweena and his wife, have been sent there to teach the people, and a special interest attends the work from the fact that the Mit-le-tok people saved Sokweena's life last year by rescuing him from an ice floe after he had given up hope. Mr. Lopp writes that there are nearly twenty children of school age, and a number of young men and women who will take interest in trying to learn to read, and he thinks that the older people will generally attend the Sunday services. Mr. Lopp reports special need of a minister or a lady teacher for assistance in his work, which is being carried steadily forward in the upliftment of the natives, not only through the direct influence of the gospel, but by introducing such industrial improvements as are of great value in rescuing them from danger of starvation. The general region has been visited by gold prospectors with unfortunate results to the explorers. It is to be understood that this Alaskan work is entirely distinct and separate from other missions in Alaska. Great care was taken some years ago when the American Missionary Association, with societies of other denominations, took up new work in Alaska, and as a result, this Association has never had any differences with other missionary bodies, but has occupied the field, large and important, allotted to it, trenching upon that of no other Christian organization. It is to do the work that is not done by others that the American Missionary Association stands, and not to interfere with the efficiency of other Christian labors. We receive reports from this far-distant and isolated field very seldom, and are now awaiting the only communication possible after a number of months of silence. Everything seems to indicate that the work is making good progress.

## CHINESE MISSIONS, CALIFORNIA AND UTAH.

## CHINESE STATISTICS.

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|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Schools, including Japanese.....      | 21    |
| Teachers, including 10 Chinese.....   | 35    |
| Pupils.....                           | 1,360 |
| Professing faith during the year..... | 152   |

Our Chinese work has been faithfully continued throughout the year in twenty-one different schools and with the service of thirty-five missionaries. In the Central School in San Francisco, sessions are regularly held for five evenings of the week, in addition to the religious services of Sunday. The attendance ranges from fifty to one hundred. In addition, there is the meeting for mothers and girls, the Sunday-school, the children's meeting and that of the Christian Endeavor Society. There are over six hundred Chinese families in the city and an increasing endeavor is made to reach and evangelize them.

The new central mission house in San Francisco is evincing its usefulness more and more every month. The year has witnessed considerable progress towards the payment of the debt, and the Association has recently enlarged its grant by \$2,000 in aid of this purpose.

Reviewing all mission work from the beginning, we find nearly twenty thousand Chinese have been reached in the mission service of Christian churches on the Pacific coast, and nearly two thousand of them have become Christians. These Chinese Christians are engaged actively in the support of the missionary service, both here and in their native land. In China their representatives have gone into scores of cities and preached the gospel to thousands upon thousands of their own people. These Chinese Christians have faced persecution in almost every form, both in this country and abroad. There have been days in this country when they were in prison and scourged. In China they have been ostracised and received cruel treatment from their kinsfolk and fellow countrymen, but they have continued faithful.

## BUREAU OF WOMAN'S WORK.

We acknowledge with appreciation receipts from Women's Missionary Societies to the amount of \$26,578.12. Thirty-five State organizations have contributed. Twenty-two increased their contributions over those of the previous year. We have endeavored to give frequent information from the field through letters from the missionaries. Programs for missionary meetings have been provided, the Secretary has responded to numerous calls for speaking, and nearly all literature sent out has been in response to direct request. We

hope that the evidently growing interest will result in continued and larger gifts to the Association.

### FINANCIAL.

The receipts for current work for the year ending September 30th, 1899, were, from donations, \$154,422.39; estates, \$83,862.43; income, \$14,638.24; tuition, \$39,053.76; Slater Fund, paid to institutions, \$5,000, a total of \$296,976.82, which with the balance in hand at the beginning of the year, \$705.16, makes a total of \$297,681.98. The payments have been \$296,810.84, leaving a balance in hand at the close of the year of \$871.14. We are devoutly thankful for another year of freedom from debt.

The main sources of support are the contributions from churches, Sunday-schools, missionary societies and individuals, and receipts from legacies. The great fluctuation in receipts from legacies, sometimes amounting to \$95,000 in a single year, has been the chief cause of the debts which have so often burdened us in the years past. It has been the policy of your Committee to conduct the work of the year within a reasonable expectation of receipts, but such has been the annual fluctuation in receipts from legacies that we have found it impossible to make any satisfactory estimate of receipts from this source for the appropriations for the year. This has led your committee to give careful attention to some plan which would aid in the equalization of current receipts from legacies from year to year. At the January meeting of the Committee it was voted to adopt the following plan:

"That all money in excess of \$3,000, received from an estate in one year for the general purposes of the Association shall be credited to the account of reserved legacies. All other money received from estates, unless otherwise designated by the donors, shall be available for current receipts."

"Reserved legacies shall only be paid out upon special appropriation by the Executive Committee."

The amount credited to Reserve Legacy Account from January 1st to September 30th, under this plan, was \$28,230.06. Of this amount \$19,500.00 has been appropriated by special vote of the Committee to meet the urgent demands of the work. This leaves a balance of \$8,730.06 now in Legacy Reserve Account, of which \$5,000 has been appropriated for repairs greatly needed on buildings in the South.

It is hoped that this purpose of your Committee will meet the approval of the friends and supporters of the missionary work of the Association.

There has been received, also, the following amount for Endow-



ment Fund for Straight University, from the Estate of Seymour Straight, in part, \$2,026.12. The securing of endowment funds for the Chartered Institutions is one of the pressing needs at this time.

#### THE DANIEL HAND EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR COLORED PEOPLE.

The income from the Daniel Hand Fund for the current work of the year has been \$71,960.50, which, with the balance of \$14,573.07 at the beginning of the year, makes a total of \$86,533.57, and the expenditures have been \$67,339.24, leaving a balance in hand and appropriated of \$19,194.33. We make special and grateful recognition of this magnificent philanthropy by which during the past year a thousand students have been able to enjoy educational advantages which otherwise they could not have done.

There have also been received during the year from the Estate of Daniel Hand, \$95,000 face value securities as a part of the Daniel Hand Educational Fund, the income of which to be applied according to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust.

The Summary of Receipts for the year is as follows:

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| Current Work .....                        | \$296,976.82 |
| Income from Daniel Hand Fund .....        | 71,960.50    |
| Endowment Fund for Straight University... | 2,026.12     |
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| Reserve Legacy Account, \$8,730.06        | \$370,963.44 |

#### DANIEL HAND EDUCATIONAL FUND—ENDOWMENT.

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|--|-------------|
| Estate of Daniel Hand, by Wilbur F. Day, Executor, |             |
| Securities face value.....                         | \$95,000.00 |

The financial result of the year, gratifying as it is, has been secured, in a great measure, because of the firm policy of your Committee to deny many applications for strengthening and enlarging the present work, and refusing to take up new and opening fields of very great interest and promise. With larger gifts and resources, much greater work could be accomplished in the name of the Master in the various fields committed to the Association.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS.

Your Committee would acknowledge the hearty and cordial support given to these important missionary operations during the year by constituent churches, Sunday schools, Endeavor societies and individuals. We appreciate that the favorable financial showing of the year is rendered possible by the generous and often sacrificial gifts which have come into the treasury. Beginning the year with no debt, the missionary work has been somewhat developed and all the expenses met from the current income. We gratefully acknowledge the slight increase in gifts from living donors. This gain is not large enough to give

any great confidence for the future enlarged development of the missionary work which is greatly demanded, but it is sufficient to warrant the belief that the constituency are thoroughly interested in the work and ready to give it their cordial financial endorsement. As a principle in the support of the missionary operations of the churches it is evident that the income from living contributors must always be relied upon as the permanent or responsible source of income. Legacies are fluctuating and unreliable. In the progress and development of the work reaching the needs of the present generation, it must be supported by those who constitute this generation. A large responsibility, therefore, rests upon the constituents of the A. M. A. to support the work in the fields already occupied and to make it possible to push out into Porto Rico and other regions demanding help. Your Committee has every confidence in view of the satisfactory showing of the closing year that this responsibility will be met by the churches with courageous and hearty generosity.

Certain special movements among the constituent churches have been of peculiar interest. Lincoln Memorial Sabbath, a day set apart among the Sunday schools and young people to be devoted to Christian patriotism, was observed this year by something like thirty thousand children. In many schools a brief memorial service was held, drawing especially from the life of President Lincoln such lessons as that noble life teaches. By the testimony of many superintendents the day proved of much value to the schools, and resulted to the American Missionary Association in a considerable financial support.

Three of our Theological Seminaries have introduced an interesting department of lectureships. The American Missionary Association, with other societies, is invited through one of its secretaries to present the history, principles and methods of benevolent operations before the students of these seminaries. This is a significant and important movement, and will tend to furnish pastors thoroughly with the great missionary movements of the churches when they enter upon their pastorates.

The co-operation of pastors of local churches in organized efforts in behalf of the work of the A. M. A. in various States, is worthy of especial mention. With the small force of officers the numerous requests for the presentation of work before the churches can not all be met. In the different States local conferences have organized appointing a pastor who shall especially represent this Association, gather fresh information to be read and present the latest facts obtainable in the gatherings of the conference. This method of reinforcing the efforts and increasing the efficiency of our officers is

gratefully acknowledged by your Committee. In many States this organization is very complete and effective.

Christian Endeavor Societies and Young People's Mission Circles have manifested increased interest in the work of the A. M. A. during the year. The Young People's Rally held in connection with the annual meeting of the American Missionary Association for several years, has become a recognized feature, gathering large numbers of young people and furnishing missionary intelligence and stimulating missionary enthusiasm for the great work which the Association is doing.

The response to the appeal for "The Taking of Porto Rico for Christ" is evidence of the interest of the Sunday-schools and young people in Endeavor Societies in the inauguration of this important work in the Antilles. A circular letter sent to the young people met with hearty response in generous contributions.

We welcome the valuable co-operation of the Committee of Fifteen, elected at the National Council in July, 1898, in their efforts to organize the churches throughout the country for more effective and intelligent support of the missionary movements of the churches. This Committee will doubtless effect greater economy in the use of benevolent funds, tending to prevent a large waste which arises from somewhat frequent contributions of funds to irresponsible agencies in response to impassioned and moving appeals. The effort to secure a contribution from every church throughout the land to the recognized benevolent societies of our churches which this Committee is so earnestly making, must prove of great value.

In the *American Missionary Magazine* we have given large space this year to illustrated articles presenting the work of different institutions and missions. We have reason to believe that increasing interest has been taken in the magazine, and thoroughly appreciate the words of hearty approval that have reached us through the notices in the press and by personal letters. We plan still further to present missionary intelligence along this line, and trust that the magazine may be of increasing usefulness. Life members are entitled to the magazine and all other publications of the Association, but it is necessary that a special request should be sent, together with the life membership fee, in order to secure them.

In *Congregational Work* the American Missionary Association has had its allotted space. This periodical, during the three years of its publication, has not cost the Association anything for its support. The income from subscriptions has so far supported the paper. The paid subscription list this year included sixty thousand names. This paper seems to meet a demand on the part especially of the young



people in Endeavor Societies, Sunday-schools and Mission Circles that warrants its publication and indicates its usefulness.

Pamphlets and smaller leaflets have been issued in large numbers during the year. In their distribution a greatly-increased number has been sent out in response to special requests. This is a hopeful sign. It indicates increasing interest on the part of the constituency and a growing desire to gather missionary intelligence and fresh information concerning these great fields. Your Committee rejoices in this evidence of intelligent and cordial support of these missionary operations, and would gladly increase still further the circulation of printed information in every direction possible. This literature belongs to the churches, and we are glad to get it into the hands of those who use it so wisely.

With evidences of increasing interest among churches, Sunday-schools and young people; with our constituents taking up systematically the consideration of the great missionary movements of our churches among the needy people who come under our flag; with more efficient organization of the churches through the Committee of Fifteen; with the large and increasing support of the Christian women who sustain many missionaries in the field, and with the evident blessing of God witnessed during the year, we enter with great hopefulness upon the future. The fields are ripe to the harvest, and the churches are more and more realizing the importance of sending the laborers into the harvest field, who, with sacrificial earnestness, deep devotion and confident faith in God, are gathering in noble results.

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## Reports of Committees.

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### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL WORK.

BY GERALD H. BEARD, PH. D., CHAIRMAN.

Your committee wishes to express its firm belief in the spirit, the theory and the method that underlie the Southern Educational Work of this Association. The chief regret in respect of results is that there are not means provided for more of the same sort. Seventy-six schools and 414 instructors are but small provision for so gigantic a task.

We are glad to note that, while the Executive Committee is giving attention to Industrial Education and, in several schools, has scientific appliances and practical methods second to none, yet it

"does not claim that this is the only way of salvation." Even here, in our judgment, the chief aim must be, not to supply the South with farmers, carpenters and nurses; but to set an example of industrial life, and prepare teachers, themselves skilled in the several industrial departments, who shall teach the people.

We are told that there are those who, because of the startling crimes in the South the last year or two, and because, as the Committee remarks, they "judge the Negro race and its future by five per cent. of degenerates taken from the ignorant half," question whether the schools of the Association are yielding the fruit expected. It will be time enough to consider seriously the solicitude of these persons when the first evidence is produced that educated Christian black men form the stratum of Southern society that furnishes the sickening list of lustful and cruel deeds that shame us all—legitimate heritage of the slave-master's impure past—or that educated Christian white men are the perpetrators of those not less infamous and lawless outrages against life and property. The report well says that the wretched condition is "made more apparent, by contrast, because the race is gaining."

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### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MOUNTAIN WORK.

REV. A. HADDEN, CHAIRMAN.

The work of the American Missionary Association among this people reveals again an encouraging growth, and growth is the sign of life.

The schools need no new endorsement of this committee. While we commend the efforts which supply common schools where there are none, and appreciate the self-sacrifice of teachers and ministers in this direction, we note with special satisfaction that the main strength of the teaching force is being exerted on the graded and normal schools, and that these academies, eight in number, are growing in teaching force, buildings and equipment, and it is needless to say in pupils, for the number of pupils is only limited by the capacity to take care of them. Increase of capacity means wider extension of the educational leaven.

We hope the day is soon coming when in this process of growth a higher educational institution may arise somewhere on these highlands, perhaps developing out of one of these academic plants.

While it is true that students can and do go away to such colleges as Oberlin for their higher education, we also consider the fact that the strongest influence of any college is in its immediate vicinity, and can see what a power a college could be at some strategic point in

this mountain region. We commend this possibility to the benevolent.

Finally, we emphatically endorse this mountain work as a whole, as most urgent, necessary and hopeful.

In this day when all English-speaking races are drawing together and coming to a higher appreciation of their own unity, importance and use in the world, we can ill afford to neglect so sturdy a branch of the family tree. This branch needs our nurture and help now. Later we shall need its fruit.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN CHURCH WORK.

REV. SYDNEY STRONG, D.D., CHAIRMAN.

The church work forms an important if not a large part of the work of the Association. The work has been thrust upon, rather than sought by, the Association. The work of the Association was at first almost entirely educational, until here and there imperative demands impelled the Association to undertake the formation of churches. The work has been signally blessed so that to-day there are, as reported, 211 churches with 11,398 members, and the last decade shows that the net increase in the number of churches has been at the rate of 85 per cent.

They are not simply so many churches, but they are centers of light and power, and their influence is not to be estimated by arithmetic, but by the parable of the leaven. The thought of these 211 churches among the colored population and the Mountain Whites of the South gives great reason for gratitude to God.

Your committee most earnestly commend this work to the Association and urge that so far as consistent with its Christian judgment the work of evangelization be pushed. Since this work has shown during the past few years what amounts to a "new birth," your committee feel that the time has come when more aggressive steps should be taken in the organization of new churches. Not fewer schools, but more churches.

Your committee will also raise the question whether the time has not arrived when a band of trained evangelists might not be successfully employed to preach a pure Gospel to the colored race. Something akin to the student volunteer movement adopted in the "forward movement" of the American Board may be practicable. At any rate, it is believed that a serious burden rests upon the Association to bring the Gospel of evangelization, by church organization, and the preached word, to the people already upon the heart and conscience.



**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN WORK.**

REV. J. R. NICHOLS, D.D., CHAIRMAN.

The constituency of this Association has occasion for profound gratitude to God in the reports coming to us from the work carried on among the Indians.

In view of the facts brought out in the report, we find:

*First*, Abundant occasion for profound gratitude to God for the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit in the Indian missions, and reason for increased activity and prayerfulness among the workers and friends of the Association along this line.

*Second*, We see in the policy of the Government to provide secular training for the Indian youth no reason to slacken our hand or diminish our work, but rather an incentive to increased activity in view of the rapid changes coming in the life and manners of the Indians.

*Third*, We believe it to be the duty and privilege of the Christian people of this land to establish missions and churches within easy reach of the Government schools so far and so fast as possible, and we as churches and individuals recognize and accept our full share of responsibility in this matter.

*Fourth*, We rejoice to find our workers on the field in the front line of progress, and ready to adopt such methods and make such changes in their plan of work as are demanded by changing conditions.

*Fifth*, We hereby convey our sympathy to the workers at Fort Berthold and Oahe on account of the serious inconvenience which they have suffered in the loss of much-needed buildings, and we express our earnest hope that the Association may soon find it possible to replace the buildings destroyed by fire.

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHINESE WORK.**

REV. WILLIAM E. GRIFFIS, D.D., CHAIRMAN.

The Committee would report in full endorsement of the statements made by the Executive Committee as to the work carried on during the year. The twenty-one schools, with their thirty-five teachers, have gathered thirteen hundred and sixty pupils, Chinese and Japanese. The Central school in San Francisco has employed the services of four teachers and held its missions almost every evening of the week, in addition to the religious services on the Lord's Day. Every endeavor is being made to reach and evangelize the hundred Chinese families in the city, special meetings being held for mothers and girls, besides the Sunday-school services and the Christ-

ian Endeavor Society meetings. Quite an advance has been made towards the completed purchase of the Central Mission House in the city, which is in constant service with growing usefulness. The two thousand dollars lately granted by the Association have been most gratefully received. The missions under Congregational auspices are but one department of the Chinese mission service which has been carried on by different denominations for many years. In this general work nearly twenty-three thousand Chinese have been reached and about two thousand of them have become Christians. The self-denial and sacrificial benevolence of these Chinese Christians has been remarkable both in the amounts they have raised and in the activities with which many of them have engaged personally in missionary service both here in America and in their native country. Frequent reports of their great usefulness in China are received, detailing the many cities into which they have gone preaching the Gospel to thousands of their own countrymen.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

IRVING C. GAYLORD, CHAIRMAN.

The Committee on Finance have to report that in the fulfilment of the duties devolving upon them of examining and reporting upon the condition and management of the Financial Department of the Association, they have had submitted to them by the treasurer the financial books of the Association, together with the treasurer's report for the year just closed, and the certificate of the auditors of his accounts.

The auditors for this year have employed a certified public accountant of the state of New York to examine the books and accounts of the Association, and he has made his report to them covering his work, which report becomes a part of their certificate. The thoroughness of such an audit commends itself to your committee.

In the accountant's report, he says: "As a result of this audit I am able to report in the highest terms of commendation the system and methods employed in recording the transactions of the Association," and from its examination of the treasurer's books your committee confirm this view.

The report of the treasurer shows receipts for the year aggregating \$296,976.82, as against \$327,487.34 for the year ending September 30, 1898, a decrease of \$30,510.52.

An increase is shown in receipts from donations of \$3,761.88, and from tuitions of \$1,648.35; and a decrease in receipts from income of \$252.40, and from estates of \$35,668.35. The apparent decrease of

receipts from estates is lessened by \$8,730.06, which amount has been placed in the Reserve Legacy Account through action of the Executive Committee. The Reserve Legacy Account has been authorized by the Executive Committee to assist in equalizing the use of the annual receipts from legacies, and its plan is explained in the report of that committee. It seems to us to be wise.

The payments for the year aggregate \$296,810.84 as against \$271,837.15 for the previous year (exclusive of \$54,945.03 paid last year to extinguish the debt of the Association), an increase of \$24,973.69.

This increase of expenditure has mainly gone into the upbuilding of the old work of the Association which, owing to the necessary retrenchments of the past years, has suffered in many places.

The Daniel Hand Fund Account is kept in separate books from the other accounts of the Association. It shows an income this year of \$71,960.50 as against \$68,684.19 last year, an increase of \$3,276.31, and payments of \$67,339.24 this year and \$66,342.49 last year, an increase of \$996.75. This leaves an unexpended balance of \$4,621.26 this year, and with a balance at October 1st, 1898, of \$14,573.07 makes \$19,194.33 on hand, which sum has been appropriated for work during the coming year.

Your committee having examined the books, records and methods of the financial department of the Association, have been impressed with the care and efficiency with which the department is managed, with its plan of checks and counter-checks which has been arranged for the safe-guarding of its financial interests, and with the system which prevails throughout the department.

The Association is free from debt. It has kept its work within its income during the past year, but this has only been accomplished by careful economy in its management, and by declining to take up new fields which, with its income increased, can be entered and in which large work can be done in the upbuilding of character and the ennobling of lives.

Your committee trust that this may be accomplished during the coming year through the increased contributions from the churches and the generous gifts of friends.



# ANNUAL REPORT OF BUREAU OF WOMAN'S WORK.

MISS D. E. EMERSON, SECRETARY.

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Another year has unfolded its opportunities for Christian service in the field of the American Missionary Association, and we come to its close deeply grateful to God for the encouraging results we are permitted to report. It is true that not all these precious opportunities have been improved. Those who share in the work of either missions or support know well that some opportunities are lost through our failure to make close connection in service, for this is a joint work, and not either part can be a real success without the other. Sometimes in the field the opportunity is missed for want of money that might have been forthcoming, but was not. It did not start soon enough, or it got on the wrong road, or did not start at all. Sometimes the faithful member of the woman's society did not receive the field news in time, or it was not of just the right sort to stir the benevolence of one who could be reached only then and would give only when specially interested. But we do thank God that, through united effort in missionary work, we have been able to do so much and see so good results.

The total contributions through women's societies have been \$26,578.12, a slight gain over the preceding year. Thirty-five of the state organizations have contributed, of which twenty-two have increased their contributions over those of the last year. The sympathy manifested in the work by officers of state organizations and their earnest efforts to increase contributions have been warmly appreciated. There is evidence, too, of a better apprehension of the extent of the work of the American Missionary Association and a more just proportion of aid assigned.

During the year some of the state organizations and many local societies have prepared programmes for missionary meetings of an exceptionally high order. The Association has also issued two programmes, one on "The Negro Race," the other on "The American Highlanders," both of which call for more than casual study of these subjects. Although requiring time for preparation, as much as for literary subjects in clubs, they seem to have met a need for women's and young people's societies in study of mission fields in the light of history and of current events.

This wider study of the whole work of the Association tends to obviate the narrowing tendency of concentrating interest upon one par-

ticular missionary or school; for the contributions through women's societies have been assigned almost exclusively to individual schools and missionaries. Unquestionably the personal element has helped to arouse interest, but experience shows that interest cannot be maintained without a larger hold upon the work than any single missionary or station can give. The system of missionary letter-writing has been a helpful channel of communication between the missionaries and the supporting societies.

The missions that have been aided through women's contributions are those at King's Mountain, Blowing Rock, Saluda, in North Carolina; Savannah, McIntosh, Thomasville, Marshallville and Andersonville, in Georgia; Talladega, Cotton Valley, Athens and Nat, Alabama; Meridian and Moorhead, Mississippi; Nashville, Pleasant Hill, Grand View and Big Cree<sup>ks</sup> Gap, in Tennessee; Williamsburg and Corbin, Kentucky; Santee Agency, Nebraska; Fort Berthold, North Dakota; Grand River, South Dakota; Crow Agency, Montana; Chinese in California; and Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska. Woman's aid has thus had a wide range, and besides the regularly-supported teachers at these stations, aid has been given in many other ways and at other missions, even including Porto Rico. Woman's work has radiated to all parts of this broad mission field.

The work of the missionaries representing the women's societies has been exceedingly practical. Some have been principals of schools, some assistant teachers, but all have helped to the success of the work in all departments, Biblical, literary, industrial. In the latter department instruction has been given to girls in the use of sewing implements, plain stitching, buttonholes, hemming, gathering, making plain garments, darning, patching, fancy stitching, children's clothing, cutting under clothing, dressmaking. Also the principles of cooking have been taught under the heads of boiling, steaming, stewing, baking and broiling; and not only this, but the elements which enter into food are explained and its selection as adapted to one's age and physical condition. Nurse-training is taught in the care of sick room and furniture, food, medicines, outward applications, emergencies, symptoms, bandages and massage. In all schools with boarding departments most of the general housework is done by student boarders who serve daily in the dining-room, halls, bed-rooms, kitchen and laundry. In all these departments the proper way of doing work is taught, habits of neatness and order are inculcated, and to the success of the instruction every missionary teacher must contribute directly or indirectly.

There is no halting between the close of the one year and the beginning of another, and we can only take this swift glance backward

and a swift glance forward; but that is enough to show that we have more than usual incentive for the work of the next year. The fact that so many of the state organizations gained over the previous year in their aid to the A. M. A. is encouragement to them and to the others likewise to keep steadily at their labor of love. There is money, and it can be obtained and applied through right channels for work our denomination is reponsible for.

Then there is so much to work for. The taking on of new fields like Porto Rico emphasizes our yet unfinished work in the old directions where the fruits of much labor are still to be garnered. It pays to save one girl or boy to good citizenship in our loved republic and in the kingdom of God. Note the testimony of a daughter of a slave-born mother, taught in an A. M. A. school and now the wife of a minister of the gospel. Referring to the missionary who was her preceptress, she says: "She is to me a wonderful woman, an ideal woman. I can never thank her enough for what she did for me. Had it not been for the training I got in that school, and the special training through her, I could not have got along through these hard times. But aside from my literary training I learned to keep house. I can mend and darn and change and make over garments so they will look new. I know how to cook and to do some upholstery work, such as making lounges and other things for comfort, and to improve the looks of my rooms." And she learned something more and better, for she says: "In my darkest time I thank God I could say, 'Though He slay me yet will I trust in Him.'" And, "Wherever we go I hope we may find a field full of opportunities for usefulness." You must multiply that many hundredfold to get the result of even one year's work. O, how it pays! What an incentive to keep on with it.

Then there comes the stirring appeal from the farthest south, the island of the sea with its million voices. Listen to Mrs. Henry in her article on "Porto Rico from a Woman's Standpoint." "Porto Rico is ours and so are the Philippines. No matter to-day how or why they became ours, the ever present question is what shall we do with them? Like Christian's pack, they are strapped upon our back. When we lie down they must still be with us; when we arise as a nation and travel onward, they will go with us, and we must carry the burdens now straight forward to the end. Like Christian, too, we are forgetting all about Christiana and the children, but they, too, are running on behind calling and calling to know the way." \* \* \* "It is a wail from the women and the children of our new land for life and light, for a hand to guide and hold and help them to rise above the ignorance and poverty which for generations have held them down." \* \* \* "The secret of success in our new posses-



sions lies in the measure of how high we shall lift the women and children to be of future usefulness and reflect credit upon our nation."

And we are near the twentieth century. Let us set the pace with full ranks and with no laggard step. Courage, vigor, undaunted faith, unfaltering work, generous giving of no "blemished thing," but "a pure offering," and this field of the American Missionary Association shall feel to its utmost bounds the thrill of the coming of the Kingdom of God. For then we shall not only hear but heed the call of the Christianas of all these races to whom the American Missionary Association is sent as they cry, "*Carry me and my children with you that we may also go and worship the King.*"

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION THROUGH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS,

OCTOBER 1, 1898, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1899.

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....  | \$6,896.63       |
| New York.....                        | 2,311.42         |
| Illinois.....                        | 2,131.77         |
| Connecticut.....                     | 1,719.58         |
| Ohio.....                            | 1,429.26         |
| Iowa.....                            | 1,356.82         |
| Vermont.....                         | 1,254.07         |
| Maine.....                           | 1,098.38         |
| Minnesota.....                       | 838.16           |
| Michigan.....                        | 588.56           |
| New Hampshire.....                   | 565.92           |
| New Jersey.....                      | 544.34           |
| Wisconsin.....                       | 464.22           |
| Missouri.....                        | 374.50           |
| Colorado.....                        | 294.55           |
| Northern California.....             | 225.50           |
| Nebraska.....                        | 194.00           |
| South Dakota.....                    | 190.85           |
| Southern California.....             | 174.50           |
| Kansas.....                          | 147.65           |
| Louisiana.....                       | 82.97            |
| Indiana.....                         | 60.50            |
| Oregon.....                          | 54.35            |
| Pennsylvania.....                    | 45.00            |
| Wyoming.....                         | 36.00            |
| Alabama.....                         | 35.00            |
| Tennessee.....                       | 28.90            |
| Washington.....                      | 25.00            |
| North Dakota.....                    | 21.65            |
| North Carolina.....                  | 8.93             |
| Idaho.....                           | 8.00             |
| Georgia.....                         | 7.43             |
| Montana.....                         | 7.00             |
| Utah.....                            | 4.80             |
| Florida.....                         | 3.00—\$23,230.21 |
| Additional from local societies..... | 3,347.91         |
| Total.....                           | \$26,578.12      |

# SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year ending September 30, 1899.

FOR DETAILS SEE ANNUAL REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES.

### THE SOUTH.

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| For Church and Educational Work, Land,<br>Buildings, etc..... | \$192,818 70       |
| For Work in Porto Rico, West Indies.....                      | 3,908 78           |
|   | <hr/> \$196,727 48 |

### THE INDIANS.

|  |           |
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| For Church and Educational Work, Buildings, etc..... | 37,572 11 |
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### THE CHINESE.

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| For Superintendent, Teachers, Rent, Building, etc..... | 13,971 24 |
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### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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| For Missions in Africa, Income Paid A. B. C. F. M..... | 4,435 36           |
|  | <hr/> \$252,706 19 |

### PUBLICATIONS.

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| For American Missionary Magazine, including<br>cost of copies sent gratuitously to Pastors,<br>S. S. Superintendents, Life Members, and<br>Officers of Missionary Societies..... | \$2,482 84       |
| Less amount received from subscriptions.....   | 266 26           |
|  | <hr/> \$2,216 58 |
| For Annual Reports, Leaflets, Clerk-hire, etc.   | \$4,005 61       |
| Less amount received from sale of Leaflets....   | 3 50             |
|  | <hr/> 4,002 11   |

6,218 69

### HONORARY SECRETARY.

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| For Salary, Rev. M. E. Strieby, D.D., half year..... | 1,000 00 |
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### AGENCIES.

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| For EASTERN DISTRICT—District Secretary, Field Assistant,<br>Traveling Expenses, Clerk-hire, Rent, Stationery,<br>Postage, etc..... | \$6,748 22      |
| For CENTRAL DISTRICT—Traveling and other Expenses..   | 703 36          |
| For INTERIOR DISTRICT—Traveling and other Expenses.   | 441 39          |
| For WESTERN DISTRICT—District Secretary, Traveling<br>Expenses, Clerk-hire, Rent, Stationery, Postage, etc..                        | 4,986 12        |
| For WOMAN'S BUREAU—Secretary, Traveling Expenses,<br>Clerk-hire, etc.....   | 1,874 06        |
|   | <hr/> 14,753 15 |

### ADMINISTRATION.

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| For Department of Correspondence.....                   | \$13,259 00     |
| For Treasurer's Department.....                         | 4,752 00        |
| For Rent, Postage, Stationery, Traveling Expenses, etc. | 6,524 40        |
|   | <hr/> 24,535 40 |

Less Expenses paid from Daniel Hand Income for its  
administration.....

5,000 00

19,535 40

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|---|----------------|
| For Annual Meeting.....                               | \$393 14       |
| For Wills and Estates.....                            | 129 35         |
| For Interest and Annuities.....                       | 2,069 92       |
| For Amount Refunded, sent to Treasurer by mistake.... | 5 00           |
|   | <hr/> 2,597 41 |

\$296,810 84

Credit Balance, Sept. 30, 1899.....

871 14

\$297,681 98

# SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

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## RECEIPTS.

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Balance on hand, Oct 1, 1898.....   | \$705 16            |
| From Churches, Sunday-schools, Missionary Societies and<br>Individuals (of which for Porto Rico, \$3,908 78)..... | \$154,422 39        |
| From Estates.....   | \$92,592 49         |
| Less amount in Reserve Legacy Account.....  | 8,730 06            |
|   | 83,862 43           |
| From Income, Sundry Funds.....  | 10,638 24           |
| From Income, Talladega College, Erwin Fund.....   | 4,000 00            |
| From Tuition.....   | 39,053 76           |
| From Slater Fund, paid to Institutions.....   | 5,000 00            |
|   | <u>296,976 82</u>   |
|   | <u>\$297,681 98</u> |

## DANIEL HAND EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR COLORED PEOPLE. INCOME ACCOUNT.

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1898.....    | \$14,573 07        |
| Income collected 1898-1899.....       | 71,960 50          |
|                                       | <u>\$86,533 57</u> |
| Amount expended for the South.....    | \$67,339 24        |
| Balance on hand and appropriated..... | 19,194 33          |
|                                       | <u>86,533 57</u>   |

## STRAIGHT UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT FUND.

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| Estate of Seymour Straight, in part..... | <u>\$2,026 12</u> |
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## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

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|---|---------------------|
| For Current Work.....                       | \$296,976 82        |
| Income from Daniel Hand Fund.....           | 71,960 50           |
| Endowment Fund for Straight University..... | 2,026 12            |
|   | <u>\$370,963 44</u> |
| Reserve Legacy Account Balance, \$8,730 06  |                     |

## DANIEL HAND EDUCATIONAL FUND. ENDOWMENT.

|   |             |
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| Estate of Daniel Hand, by Wilbur F. Day, Executor,<br>Securities, face value..... | \$95,000 00 |
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## RESERVE LEGACY ACCOUNT.

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Amount credited on the year.....            | \$28,230 06      |
| Amount transferred to Receipts.....         | \$19,500 00      |
| Balance, of which \$5,000 appropriated..... | 8,730 06         |
|   | <u>28,230 06</u> |

H. W. HUBBARD, Treasurer,  
Congregational Rooms, Fourth Ave. and 22d St., New York.

We have employed Frederick C. Manvel, Certified Public Accountant of the State of New York, to examine the books and accounts of the American Missionary Association, for the year ending September 30, 1899, and herewith submit his statement of the results of his work as a part of our report.

We have also made a careful examination of all the Stocks, Bonds and other Securities held by the Association, and find the same to fully sustain the balance sheet of same date.

The Treasurer's Bond was submitted to us and found to be in order.

New York, Oct. 11, 1899.

CHAS. N. SCHENCK,  
EDWIN H. BAKER,

*Auditors.*

MR. CHARLES N. SCHENCK, }  
MR. EDWIN H. BAKER, } AUDITORS.

New York, Oct. 9, 1899.

GENTLEMEN:

In accordance with your instructions I have made a careful audit of the accounts of the American Missionary Association for the year ending September 30th, 1899, and herewith submit my report, as follows:

**CASH BOOK.** In the Cash Book I verified the balance brought forward, proved the footings on both sides, using the canceled checks as vouchers for the payments, compared them with the entries, and found that the balance on hand agreed with the balances in the banks.

**PETTY CASH.** The system in use for the recording of the petty cash transactions is known as the English Imprest system, and is simple, satisfactory and complete in its working, being periodically settled by a check voucher, leaving no cash in the office at the end of the year.

**BANK BOOKS.** I verified the totals of the deposits and checks, proved the balances, and received certificates from the Banks and Trust Companies as to the correctness of the figures.

**LEDGER.** In the Ledger I verified the totals of the postings from all the other books and compared the balances entered in the Trial Balance sheet, the footings of which I also verified.

**MONTHLY REPORTS.** I compared the totals of the Cash Book with those in the Monthly Reports, including those of the receipts, as published in the American Missionary Magazine.

I note that the monthly reports are examined and approved by two members of the Finance Committee before being presented to the Executive Committee.

**DANIEL HAND FUND.** I note that the receipts, disbursements and record of securities of the Daniel Hand Fund are all kept separate from the other accounts, and that the funds are deposited in a different bank, the uninvested funds being in a Trust Company drawing interest.

As a result of this audit, I am able to report in the highest terms of commendation the system and methods employed in recording the transactions of the Association. I have found entire arithmetical accuracy in the entries, the accounts presenting a record of the facts, arranged and focused so that the result of the operations may be readily obtained.

There is evidence of great painstaking in keeping these detailed records, and the most approved methods used by financial institutions for the safety of the funds and completeness of the records adopted wherever available.

The system of bookkeeping enables the entire receipts and payments to be verified by the bank books, the deposits tallying with the receipts, and the canceled checks with the payments. Deposits are made in banks selected by the Executive Committee, and no monies are withdrawn therefrom except upon checks bearing the signatures of two of the officers of the Association and in payment of appropriations made by the Executive Committee.

The securities of the Association are kept in a safe deposit vault, accessible only by the use of different keys in the possession of the Treasurer and a member of the Finance Committee, necessitating the presence of both for the purpose.

The records of the securities are especially valuable, showing in detail each class, each fund by itself, the sources from which they are derived, rates, costs, interest dates, market value, location, disposition, and all the facts connected with each, needed for complete information.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK C. MANVEL,  
*Certified Public Accountant of the State of New York.*



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Income for September..... \$650.00  
Previously acknowledged..... 71.310.50

\$71,960.50

NOTE.—Where no name follows that of the town, the contribution is from the church and society of that place. Where a name follows, it is that of the contributing church or individual. S. means Sunday-school; C. means Church; C. E., the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor; S. A. means Student Aid.

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Bethel, 22.65. Calais, First, 45. Cumberland Center, 16.44. Dennyville, C., 16.24. Special Offering, 13, and "Little Helpers," 5. Farmington Falls, 3. Freeport, Mrs. E. F. Harrington, 50. Gardiner, Mrs. Helen Ballard, for A. G. Sch., Moorhead, Miss., 2. Hallowell, S., for A. G. Sch., Moorhead, Miss., 2. Portland, "Annie C. Fairman and Others," 70.50. Portland, Second Parish, for S. A., Fisk U., 50. Portland, Second Parish, 35. Portland, 10.50. Rockland, 13.06. South Freeport, Mrs. E. W. Soule, 5; Miss Fannie E. Soule, 40; Miss Lucy Waite, 5, for A. G. Sch., Moorhead, Miss. Whiting, 3.

MAINE WOMAN'S AID TO A. M. A., by Mrs. F. W. Davis, Treas., \$103.79.

Bangor, Central, 20; First, 12.50; Hammond St., 11.54. Brewer, 26.50. Kenduskeag, 5. Orono, 5. Orrington, 1. Sanford, 6. Woolwich, 4. Woolwich, 2.25. Woodfords, 10.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, \$301.80—of which from Estate, \$85.29.

Amherst, 5. Claremont, 22. Colebrook, 15. Hebron, Union, 5. Hooksett, 12. Littleton, C. E. Soc., by Miss Katherine Sawyer, Treas., 45. Mason, 5.1. Meredith, First, 15. Nelson, 7. North Londonderry, 3.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FEMALE CENT. INST. and HOME MISSIONARY UNION, by Miss Annie A. McFarland, Treas., \$82.00.

Undesignated Funds, 82.

ESTATE.—Exeter, Estate of Mrs. Anna W. Chadwick, 85.29.

VERMONT, \$639.36—of which from Estates, \$405.70.

Brookfield, Second, 10.71; First, 6.02. Cabot, Mrs. Dr. Wiswall, for Indian M., 5. Cambridge, Jeffersonville, Second, 7. Danville, Mrs. W. J. Stanton, for Indian M., 1. Enosburg, 6.40. Fair Haven, First, 0.61. Greensboro, 4.10. Ludlow, 23.08. Lunenburg, 5. Lyndonville, W. A. Loomis, 1. Milton, 7. North Craftsbury, 4. Pawlet, "A Friend," 5. Saint Johnsbury, North, for Indian M., 48.41. Sherburne, C. and C. E., 3. Springfield, 34.11. Shoreham, 12.45. Underhill, 6.56. Waterbury, 12.06. Windsor, Hon. Gilbert A. Davis, 10.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF VERMONT, by Mrs. Robert Mackinnon, Treas., \$12.15.

Derby, S., for Indian Sch., 4.15. Franklin, 3. Richmond, Mrs. Balch's S. Class, for Indian Sch., 2. Saint Albans, Jr. C. E. S., for Indian Sch., 3.

ESTATES.—Estate of Mrs. Jane B. Butler, 30.70. Springfield, Estate of Frederick Parks, by Levi H. Cobb, Trustee, 375.

MASSACHUSETTS, \$8,941.83—of which from Estates, \$6,000.00.

Auburndale, "A Friend," for Physical Laboratory, Tougaloo U., 25. Becket, North, 17. Beverly, Dane St., S., for S. A., Fisk U., 25. Blandford, First, 15.

Boston, H. S. Conant, 2. East Boston, Maverick, 50.50. South Boston, Phillips, Miss Lucinda Smith, 5. Charlestown, First Parish, 34.79. Dorchester, Second, 60. Dorchester, Pilgrim, 34.60. Dorchester, Mrs. Jacob Fullerton, for Indian M., 10.

Boxborough, member of East Ch., to const. SIMON B. HAGAR L.M., 30. Boxford, 46. Byfield, 5. Campello, South, C. E., for S. A., Skyland Inst., N. C., 10. Cambridge, First, 66.14. Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, 5.54. Cambridgeport, Prospect St., S., 18.32. for Mountain White Work in Tenn., and 17.70 for Porto Rico. Chicopee, First, S., for Mountain White Work, 3.15. Dedham, First, 111.46. Dedham, First, S., 9.46. Easthampton, Payson, S., for Porto Rico, 16.80. Easton Center, 15.16. Fitchburg, Rollstone Ch., 16.75. Foxboro, Bethany, 18.76. Gardner, L. M. Soc., by Mrs. Milton A. Creed, 50. Gilbertsville, 21.28. Granby, 10. Holyoke, Second, 41.59. Hopkinton, S., for Skyland Inst., N. C., 25. Kingston, Mayflower, 15. Lancaster, 25. Lee, C., 100; S., 150. Littleton, Ortho., 11. Lunenburg, East, 6. Marshfield, First, 21. Middlefield, 4. Millbury, M. D. Garfield, 25. Millers Falls, First, 3.69. Monterey, 8. Newton Center, First, 46.62. No. Andover, Trinitarian, 25. North Attleboro, Oldtown C., 6.54. North Brookfield, First, 23.70, and Extra Cent-a-Day Band, 12.22, for Porto Rico. Northfield, "Friends," for Indian M., 1. Northampton, First, 249.42. Norton, Trin. C., 164.04. Princeton, First, 83. Raynham, First, 13.79. Rockport, First, 10.71. Royalston, First (3 of which for Mountain White Work), 17.16. Salem, South, C. E., 10. Somerville, Franklin St., 20.16. Southampton, 28.03. Southwick, 2.50. Springfield, South, 64. Springfield, Ladies' Soc. and S. Class, by Mrs. H. E. Flint, Sec'y, for Williamsburg Acad., Ky., 5. Taunton, Trinitarian, to const. Mrs. NETTIE B. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. JENNIE L. WALKER and Mrs. LOTTIE B. FATE L. M.'s, 170.44. Wakefield, 24.69. Westhampton, 20.30. Westboro, Evan, Ch. C. E., for Allen N. and I. Sch., Ga., 20. West Boxford, 4. Winchendon, First, S., 18.24. Worcester, Plymouth, 18.03; A. L. Smith, 15.

—, "T., 100.

—, "A Friend," 25 cts.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS AND R. I., Miss Lizzie D. White, Treas., \$582.30.

W. H. M. A., for Salaries, 572.30. Medford, Mystic Side Aux., for Sch., Pleasant Hill, Tenn., 10.

ESTATES.—Worcester, Estate of Albert Curtis, 5,000 (less tax, 500), 4,500. Worcester, Estate of Mrs. Maria G. Moen, by Philip W. Moen, Executor, 1,500.

# RHODE ISLAND, \$10.50.

Peace Dale, 5.50. Watch Hill, "Friends," for *Indian M.*, 5.

# CONNECTICUT, \$9,972.38—of which from Estates, \$8,382.60.

Bozrah, C. (10 of which from Charles Baldwin), 19.50. Bristol, First, 46.03; First, S., 12. Brooklyn, First Trin., Col., 36; S., 5; C. E., 2, to const. MRS. SUSAN M. WILLIAMS L.M. Collinsville, 10. Darien, C. E., by Miss A. L. Waterbury, 10. Durham, 20. East Haddam, First, 25.60. East Hartford, First, 9.06. Farmington, C., through Dea. R. H. Gay, Treas., 200. Foxon, S., for *Porto Rico*, 1. Franklin, 5. Georgetown, First, 12.89. Granby, South, 31.42. Green's Farms, 25.69. Griswold, First, 16.50. Hadlyme, J. W. Hungerford, 25; R. E. Hungerford, 25. Hartford, Center, S. (of which 20.04 from Home Dept.) 57.18. Hartford, Asylum Hill, 5. Lisbon, 14.45. Marlboro, C., for *Porto Rico*, 2.35. Meriden, First, 158.28. Meriden, Center, to const. REV. JOHN H. GRANT and JAMES P. GROSVENOR L.M.'s, 75. Milford, First, S., for *Porto Rico*, 5.04; First, 2.75. Montville Center, 8.40. New Milford, First, 60.40. Norwich, Broadway, 318.55. Old Saybrook, 13.55. Plainville, Mrs. Louise M. Buell, to const. RAY WILLARD MOODY L.M., 30. Plymouth, 12.50. Southington, First, 22.28. Southport, Mrs. Martica Waterman, for *S. A.*, *Fisk U.*, 10. Stanwich, 5. Stonington, First, 24. Torrington, Third, C. E., for *Grand View, Tenn.*, 10. Washington, First, 45.60. Washington, S., for *Porto Rico*, 11.81. Watertown, 31. West Winsted, Second, 2. Wilton, S., for *Porto Rico*, 5. Windham, C., 44.19. Winsted, First, 47.59. Woodstock, First, 21.06.

WOMAN'S CONG. HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF CONNECTICUT, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas., \$19.15.

Bridgeport, First, for *Fort Berthold, N.D.*, 10. South Canaan, 2.50. Suffield, 6.65.

ESTATES.—Brooklyn, Estate of M. E. Ensworth, 10. Mansfield Center, Estate of Mrs. Martha G. Swift, 60. Thomaston, Estate of Mabel Freeman, by Geo. H. Stoughton, Executor, 532.79. Torrington, Estate of Lauren Wetmore, by Isaac Brooks, Executor, 7,779.81.

# NEW YORK, \$1,183.11—of which from Estates, \$906.87.

Berkshire, First, 41.77. Brooklyn, Bushwick Ave. C., S., for *Porto Rico*, 8.10. Brooklyn, Bushwick Ave. C., 7.35. Brooklyn, —, 1. Chenango Forks, 1.05. Greene, First, 11.70. Mohonk Lake, "Friends," for *Indian M.*, 28. Mount Sinai, 12.50. Northville, 13.22. Portland, 4.12. Spencerport, Miss Mary E. Dyer, 5. West Bloomfield, S., for *Porto Rico*, 5.83. Woodville, S., for *Porto Rico*, 5. —, "A Friend," 15.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF N. Y., by Mrs. J. J. Pearsall, Treas., \$115.70.

W. H. M. U. of N. Y., for *Porto Rico*, 93.20. Homer, Aux., for *Porto Rico*, 4. Northville, L. M. S., for *Porto Rico*, 10. Wellsville, 8.50.

ESTATES.—Homer, Estate of Mrs. Lucy A. Payne, by E. G. Ranney and A. H. Bennett, Executors, 706.87. Syracuse, Estate of Mary E. Gere, by Marcus J. Gere, Executor, 200.

# NEW JERSEY, \$45.15.

Woodbridge, First, 24.65.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF THE N. J. ASS'N, by Mrs. J. H. Denison, Treas., \$20.50.

Orange Valley, Jr. C. E. and Infant Class, for *S. A.*, *Fort Berthold, N.D.*, 15. Passaic, 5.50.

# PENNSYLVANIA, \$10.00.

Cambridge Springs, Mrs. A. B. Ross, 10.

# OHIO, \$1,524.51—of which from Estate, \$800.00.

Ashland, J. O. Jennings, 10. Austintown, 13. Brownhelm, 5. Chatham, 15. Cleveland, Euclid Ave., 25.73. Conneaut, 24.50. Dover, C., for *Tougaloo U.*, 26. Kelloggsville, 2.09. Marysville, First, 11.27. Medina, C., L. B. S., 25; A. I. Root, 25; J. T. Calvert, 5; Frank Leach, 1; Dayton Eddy, 50 cts.; Matthew Nettleton, 50 cts.; Henry Horn, 1.30; Andrew Gressinger, 1, for the starving at *Porto Rico*. North Amherst, 9. North Bloomfield, C., 6; "Friends," 10. Norwalk, Thomas Hagaman, 5. Painesville, First, 23.90. —, Dividend, 1.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF OHIO, by Mrs. G. B. Brown, Treas., \$477.72.

Alliance, Mrs. Thomas, 2, "A few Ladies," 6, for *Porto Rico* and *Alaska M.* Akron, West, 8.50; West, Jr. C. E., 72 cts. Ashtabula, 15. Austintown, 6. Brecksville, 2.50. Claridon, 2. Chardon, 4. Cincinnati, Vine, 10. Cleveland, Archwood, 5; Euclid Ave., 12; Euclid Ave., Jr. C. E., 1.50; Trinity, 1.50; Bethlehem, 6; Euclid Ave., 14; East Madison Ave., 2; Pilgrim, Jr. C. E., 50 cts.; Mount Zion, 13. Cleveland, Euclid Ave., for *Laundry Building, Moorhead, Miss.*, 10. Conneaut, 10. Cortland, 2. Elyria, 25. Elyria, Second, 5. Fredericksburg, 1.50; Jr. C. E., 1. Garrettsville, 5. Greenwich, 2. Hudson, 5.50. Hudson, C. E., 2. Huntsburg, 6. Lodi, 6. Lyme, 3.65. Mansfield, First, 25.50. Marietta, First, 5. Marietta, Harnar, 4. Marietta, C. E., 5. Marysville, W. M. S., 7; S., 1.75. Medina, 4. Medina, Jr. C. E., 8. Newark, Plymouth, 2. North Ridgeville, C. E., 4.25. Norwalk, C. E., 7. Oberlin, First, to const. MISS HELEN WEED L. M., 30. Oberlin, First, 20. Painesville, Jr. C. E., 4. Plain, 3. Richfield, 3. Rootstown, 9.70. Sandusky, 10. Shandon, Paddy's Run, 3. Sheffield, 2. Springfield, First, 7. Strongsville, 2. Toledo, Central, 13.50; Washington St., 10. Toledo, Central, 1.70; Washington St., C. E., 1.50. Toledo, First, 30; Second, 1; Central, 2. Twinsburg, 7. Unionville, W. M. S., 2.60; Jr. C. E., 1.15. Unionville, 5. Wauseon, 9. Wayne, 1.75. Wellington, 2.65. West Andover, 2.30. West Williamsfield, 10. Windham, 4. York, 3.50. Youngstown, Elm St., 5.

ESTATR.—Atwater, Estate of Mrs. Fanny B. Cumine, by Jared Stratton, Executor, 800.

# INDIANA, \$6.00.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF INDIANA, by Mrs. Anna D. Davis, Treas., \$6.00.

Indianapolis, Plymouth, 6.

# ILLINOIS, \$702.86.

Abingdon, C., 11.55; W. M. Soc., 80 cts. Austin, First, 3. Chicago, South, 68.82. Chicago, Leavitt St., 24.06; Evanston Ave., 6.04; Pacific, C. E., 6. Earlville, "J. A. P.", 25. Evanston, First, C. E., 25. Forrest, 7.35. Galva, ad'l, 3. Glen Ellyn, C. E., 2.75. Glencoe, 5. Griggsville, C. E., for *Indian M.*, 0.40. Joy Prairie, S., for *Fisk U.*, 10. Kewanee, Hiram T. Lay, for *Porto Rico*, 25. Melvin, 3.10. Moline, First, 58.07. Morgan Park, 9.30. Oak Park, First, 110.63. Oak Park, Second, 22.79. Oneida, C.



E., 2. Pana, 3. Port Byron, C., 2.90; C. E., 4.50. Strawn, 1.16. Toulon, C., 16.73; S., 7.85. Winnebago, 12. Winnebago, W. H. Nevens, 10.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF ILLINOIS, by Miss Bessie E. Crosby, Treas., \$206.06.

Chicago, Union Park, 35; Lincoln Park, 11.75. Dover, 10. Galesburg, Central, *for Porto Rico*, 25. Galesburg, Central, *for Porto Rico*, 5. Geneva, C. E., *for Fisk U.*, 5. Millburn, 50. Morgan Park, 13.45. Oak Park, First, 2.50. Oak Park, First, Jr. C. E., *for Moorhead, Miss.*, 1. Ottawa, 13.06. Port Byron, 7.75. Rockford, Second, 3.50.

W. H. M. U. of Illinois, Undesignated Funds, 23.05.

MICHIGAN, \$692.40—of which from Estates, \$470.00.

Benona, Miss D. C. Estabrook, *for Porto Rico*, 2. Breckenridge, 4.75. Charlotte, First, 10. Detroit, Woodward Ave., 10.50. Grand Ledge, JOSIAH P. TAYLOR, to const. himself L. M., 30. Howell, Z. M. Drew, 1. Northport, William Gill, 35. Union City, C. and S., *for Pleasant Hill, Tenn.*, 18.45. Vicksburg, Rev. J. Van Antwerp, 2.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF MICHIGAN, by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas., \$8.70.

Hart, *for S. A., Pleasant Hill, Tenn.*, 3. Pontiac, C. E., *for S. A., Pleasant Hill, Tenn.*, 70 cts. Stanton, 5.

ESTATES.—Kalamazoo, Estate of Samuel A. Gibson, by F. M. Hodge, Exec'r, 250. Niles, Estate of Dr. James Lewis, 220.

IOWA, \$413.53—of which from Estate, \$100.00.

Belmond, S., 1.25. Charles City, 26.95. Cherokee, 22.06. Chester Center, 4.60. Cromwell, 7.40. Des Moines, German Cong. Ch., 2. Gilbert Station, 3. Gomer, 3. Independence, 25.78. Manchester, First, 21.36. Mason City, C. E., 4.50. Muscatine, First, S., 3.25. Primgar, First, 6.23. Osage, 1.50. Red Oak, W. M. S., 22. Riceville, 14.95. Rock Rapids, 20.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF IOWA, Miss Belle L. Bentley, Treas., \$123.70.

Almora, 5. Alpha, 3. Cedar Falls, 3.40. Chester Center, 7.80. Darnfort, Mrs. L. F. Smith, 5. Earlville, 5. Lyons, 1. Manchester, 10. Ogden, 2. Rock Rapids, 10. Traer, 41.50. Webster City, to const. Mrs. HULDA L. BURGESS L. M., 30.

ESTATE.—Sawyer, Estate of Mrs. Abbie H. Sawyer, by Francis Sawyer, deceased, by Mrs. Flora S. Dewey, Executrix, 100.

MINNESOTA, \$312.14.

Freeborn, S., 1. Hutchinson, 9.70. Hutchinson, First, S., *for Porto Rico*, 5. Medford, 3. Stillwater, 2.80.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF MINNESOTA, by Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Treas., \$292.64 (less \$2.00 expenses), \$290.64.

Barnesville, Y. L., 1. Crookston, 5. Duluth, Pilgrim, 10. Faribault, 7. Glencoe, 2. Glenwood, 4. Hutchinson, C. E., 8; Y. L., 2. Kerns, 3. Lake City, 3. Mapleton, 5. Marshall, 8.75. Mankato, 3. Minneapolis, Pilgrim, 10; Forest Heights, 3; Open Door, 3; Open Door, Y. L., 6.50; Como Ave., 10; Lyndale, 10; Bethany, 2; Park Ave., 10.60; Lowry Hill, 5.50; First, 2.50; Plymouth, 10; "A Friend," 1. Northfield, *for Porto Rico*, 5. Northfield, S., *for Mountain White Work*, 11.90. Owatonna, 15. Pelican Rapids, S., 5.30. Princeton, 3. Princeton, S., 2. Sherburn, 5. Sleepy Eye, 1. Saint Paul, Pacific, 3; Olivet, 5. Saint Anthony Park, C. E., *for Fisk U.*, 5. Sauk Center, 3. Water-

ville, C. E., 2. Wabasha, 2. Waseca, 2.50. Waseca, C. E., 2.50. Winona, First, Y. L., 60; Second, 5; Scandinavian, 2. Zumbrota, 5. Zumbrota, Jr. C. E., *for S. A., Almeda Gardner Sch., Miss.*, 10. Zumbro Falls, C. E., 1.50.

WISCONSIN, \$2,131.31—of which from Estate \$2,009.46.

Ashland, 15.20. Oshkosh, Mrs. L. Corry, 40 cts.; Racine, Mrs. Canfield Smith, 20; Mary Johnson, 10. Rosendale, Ladies' M. Soc., *for Athens, Ala.*, 5. Stevens Point, S., *for S. A., Fisk U.*, 1.67. Spring Green, 35 cts. Token Creek, 4.53. West Superior, 8.15.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF WISCONSIN, by Mrs. L. E. Smith, Treas., \$56.46.

Arena, First, 2; Second, 3. Brodhead, 50 cts. Delavan, 3. Port Atkinson, 4. Hayward, 8.17. Janesville, 6. Platteville, 2.75. Ripon, S., 5. Sun Prairie, 12.04. Wauwatosa, 5. White-water, 5.

ESTATE.—Beloit, Est. of Mrs. E. B. French, by A. P. Waterman, Executor, 2,009.46.

MISSOURI, \$2.70.

Hamilton, 2.70.

KANSAS, \$507.12—of which from Estate, \$400.00.

Clear Creek, 4. Emporia, First, S., *for Porto Rico*, 5. Lawrence, Plymouth, 76.25. Russell, 5.97.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF KANSAS, by Miss Mary E. Wilkinson, Treas., \$15.90.

W. H. M. U. of Kansas, 15.90.

ESTATE.—Waterville, Estate of H. H. Griffin, 400.

NEBRASKA, \$119.51.

Ainsworth, 11.70. Arcadia, 2.50. Friend, German, 4. Hay Springs, 3.20. Rising City, First, 6. Turkey Creek, 2.30. Verdon, 3.65. York, C., 33.40; S., 2.76.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF NEBRASKA, by Mrs. Geo. C. Hall, Treas., \$50.00.

W. H. M. U. of Nebraska, 44. Camp Creek, 3. Rising City, 3.

NORTH DAKOTA, \$7.00.

Cooperstown, 4. Crary, First, 3.

SOUTH DAKOTA, \$34.21.

Beresford, C., 5.50; W. M. S., 2; C. E., 50 cts. Buffalo Gap, 4.20. Canton, 3.11. Columbia, C., *for Porto Rico*, 18.90.

WYOMING, \$26.00.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF WYOMING, by Miss Edith McCrum, Acting Treas., \$26.00. Cheyenne, First, 26.

IDAHO, \$7.60.

Challis, First, 2.60.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF IDAHO, by Lettice H. Johnston, Treas., \$5.00. Mountain Home, 5.

OKLAHOMA, \$1.27.

Cline, C., *for McLeansville, N. C.*, 1.27.

COLORADO, \$80.45.

Montrose, 12. Telluride, First, S., 15.85. Ward, 2.60.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF COLORADO, by Mrs. Belle C. Valentine, Treas., \$50.00.

W. H. M. U. of Colorado, 50.

#### CALIFORNIA, \$542.05.

Highland, 7.  
San Francisco, The California Chinese Mission (see items below), 535.05.

#### OREGON, \$30.00.

Canyon City, E. S. Penfield, *for Porto Rico*, 20.  
Elliott Prairie, 1.50. Hubbard, 4.50. Smyrna, 4.

#### WASHINGTON, \$56.74.

Everett, First, 2. Puyallup, 1.50. Seattle, Plymouth, 43.24. Spokane, 5. Tacoma, Rev. W. G. Olinger, 5.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, \$12.00.

Washington, Plymouth, 12.

#### MARYLAND, ESTATE, \$6,335.73.

Baltimore, Estate of Mrs. Mary R. Hawley, 6,340.73 (less expenses, 5), 6,335.73.

#### NORTH CAROLINA, \$2.25.

Dudley, W. M. U., 1. Nalls, Woman's Miss'y Soc., 1.25.

#### TENNESSEE, \$37.90.

Crossville, 2.50. Harriman, Miss Minnie Ferree, *for Skyland Inst., N.C.*, 1. Pomona, 2.50. Robbins, Plymouth, 3.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF TENN., by Mrs. P. R. Burrus, \$28.90.

W. M. U. of Tenn. (of which 16.90 *for Santee Agency, Neb.*), 28.90.

#### GEORGIA, 75 cts.

Woodville, Rev. J. H. H. Sengstacke, 75 cts.

#### ALABAMA, \$22.88.

New Decatur, Peoples, S., 18.28. Shelby, First, 4.60.

#### LOUISIANA, \$2.25.

New Orleans, Howard, 2.25.

#### FLORIDA, \$5.80.

Orange Park, King's Daughters, 2; King's Sons, 2.25, by Mrs. M. A. Downes, *for Porto Rico*. Tavares, 1.55.

#### ARKANSAS, \$2.00.

Fort Smith, Cornelia Hubbard, 2.

#### INCOME, \$3,151.21.

Avery Fund, *for African M.*, 604.04. M. R. Bishop Endowment Fund, 1. Mrs. S. N. Brewer Endowment Fund, 22.93. E. A. Brown Schp. Fund, *for Talladega C.*, 18 cts. DeForest Endowment Fund, *for President's Chair, Talladega C.*, 67.50. C. F. Dike Fund, *for Straight U.*, 50. E. B. Eldridge Endowment Fund, 225. Erwin Fund, *for Talladega C.*, 2,000. General Endowment Fund, 50. E. A. Hand General Endowment Fund, 11.25. Howard Theo. Endowment Fund, *for Howard U.*, 20. Tuthill King Endowment Fund, *for Berea C.*, 12.31. Tuthill King Endowment Fund, *for Atlanta U.*, 34.62. Luke Memorial Schp. Fund, *for Talladega C.*, 68 cts. C. B. Rice Memorial Fund, *for Talladega C.*, 2.60. Straight University Schp. Fund, 76 cts. Seymour Straight Endowment Fund, *for Straight U.*, 11.46. S. M. Strong Endowment Fund, *for Saluda, N.C.*, 27. Theo. Endowment Fund, *for Fisk U.*, 4.68. Comfort Ward Endowment Fund, *for Wilmington, N.C.*, 4.50. Yale Library Endowment Fund, *for Talladega C.*, 70 cts.

#### TUITION, \$216.90.

Williamsburg, Ky., 198.90. Candor, N. C., 15. Saluda, N. C., 50 cts. Nashville, Tenn., 2.50.

#### SLATER FUND APPROPRIATIONS, \$5,000.

Tougaloo University, Tougaloo, Miss., 3,000; Straight University, New Orleans, La., 2,000.

#### SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER, 1899.

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Donations.....            | \$9,338.62  |
| Estates.....              | 25,895.65   |
|                           | \$35,234.27 |
| Income.....               | 3,151.21    |
| Tuition.....              | 216.90      |
| Slater Fund.....          | 5,000.00    |
| Total for September ..... | \$43,602.38 |

#### SUMMARY.

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|---|--------------|
| Donations.....                                    | \$154,422.39 |
| Estates.....                                      | 83,862.43    |
|   | \$238,284.82 |
| Income.....                                       | 14,638.24    |
| Tuition.....                                      | 39,053.76    |
| Slater Fund .....                                 | 5,000.00     |
| Total from Oct. 1, 1898, to Sept. 30, 1899, ..... | \$296,976.82 |

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| Subscriptions for September ..... | \$8.40   |
| Previously acknowledged.....      | 257.86   |
|                                   | \$266.26 |

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#### FROM LOCAL MISSIONS, \$331.55.

Fresno, Chinese M. O., 2.70; Pledges at dedication of Mission House, 30. Los Angeles, Chinese M. O., 3.30; Ann'y Pledges, 14.90. Oakland, First C. Ch., 60. Pasadena, Chinese M. O., 2.50; Ann'y Pledges, 14.75. Petaluma, Chinese M. O., 3.30; Ann'y Pledges, 11. Riverside, Chinese M. O., 3.35; Annual Members, 2. Sacramento, Chinese M. O., 5.50; Ann'y Pldgs., 27.75. San Bernardino, Chinese M. O., 4.05; Ann'y Pledges, 9.45. San Diego, Chinese M. O., 1.90; Ann'y Pledges, 5.50. San Francisco, Bethany; Ann'y Pledges, 10. San Francisco, Central; Chinese M. O., 6; Annual Members, 6. San Francisco, West; Chinese M. O., 2.70; Annual Members, 5. San Francisco, Barnes; Chinese M. O., 2. Santa Barbara, Chinese M. O., 9.35; Ann'y Pledges, 9.75. Santa Cruz, Chinese M. O., 6.10; Ann'y Pledges, 26.40. Santa Cruz, Japanese M. O., 7; Ann'y Pldgs., 9. Ventura, Chinese M. O., 3; Ann'y Pledges, 7.50; Mr. Selby, 10; Mrs. C. A. Gower, 8.

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